

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 140919)

RESOLUTION

Recognizing and supporting the Philadelphia Museum of Art's Exhibit: *Represent: 200 Years of African American Art*.

WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Museum of Art Exhibit: *Represent: 200 Years of African American Art* will highlight the Museum's longstanding collection of works by African American artists; and

WHEREAS, With work by renowned artists of African descent active from the early nineteenth century to today, the exhibition showcases a range of subjects, styles, media and traditions; and

WHEREAS, From the unique stories told to the creative methods used, *Represent* explores the myriad and changing ways that African American artists have expressed personal, political and racial identity through art; and

WHEREAS, The exhibition begins with rare examples of fine and decorative arts made before the Civil War by both free and enslaved African Americans; and

WHEREAS, As access to artistic training and other opportunities increased, the relationship between creative expression and African American identity grew more complex, nuanced and individualized; and

WHEREAS, In the early twentieth century, many African American artists embraced a spirit of modern times by representing personal experiences or scenes of daily life in vibrant colors and dynamic compositions; and

WHEREAS, The exhibition ends by uniting these time periods with an in-depth look at portraits of family, friends, strangers and historical icons made by several generations of African American artists; and

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WHEREAS, *Represent* accompanies a major catalogue of the Museum's African American collections, edited by Gwendolyn DuBois, Associate Professor of American Art at the University of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, The exhibition will also be accompanied by a full range of public programs and educational resources such as gallery talks, lectures, school group tours and a teacher resource guide, family programs, collaborative programming with local community groups and web content to reach audiences both within and outside of the Museum's walls; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That Council does hereby recognize and support the Philadelphia Museum of Art's Exhibit: *Represent: 200 Years of African American Art*.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented as evidence of the sincere sentiments of this legislative body.

Blondell Reynolds Brown
Councilwoman At-Large
November, 13th 2014

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the thirteenth day of November, 2014.

Darrell L. Clarke
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Reynolds Brown

Sponsored by: Councilmember Reynolds Brown and Bass