

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 060120)

RESOLUTION

Honoring the historic Borough of Bristol on the occasion of its **325th** birthday celebration.

WHEREAS, On March 4, 1681, Samuel Clift arrived from Burlington, New Jersey and founded the borough of Bristol; and

WHEREAS, Clift had received a grant from Governor Andros of New York which was to become effective at the same time as William Penn's Charter for Pennsylvania from King Charles II of England; and

WHEREAS, Bristol was first called Buckingham and following English tradition, the county was named for its principal town, Buckinghamshire. Shire means county and the name was abbreviated which resulted in the county being called Bucks; and

WHEREAS, In the early 18th Century, Buckingham became known as New Bristol and by 1720 it became incorporated as Bristol, the 3rd oldest town in Pennsylvania, as only Philadelphia, which was settled after Bristol and Upland, currently Chester, had earlier incorporation dates; and

WHEREAS, Bristol also served as a marketplace for the surrounding territories as many of the timber and gristmills located in the Borough of Bristol processed and shipped numerous products from area farms; and

WHEREAS, In the late 18th Century, Bristol became popular as a resort as many people were attracted to the area by the cooling breezes and magnificent scenery of the Delaware River; and

WHEREAS, Bristol continued to grow in the 19th Century with the construction of the Delaware Canal and the Pennsylvania Railroad. In the 20th Century the Borough also aided in both of the World Wars with the construction of ships and aircraft; and

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WHEREAS, At present, Bristol is home to numerous manufacturing and commercial facilities and the central business district in the center of town is now experiencing a revitalization. The Borough has seen an upswing in redevelopment throughout the entire area, including land situated along the Delaware River; now therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we honor and congratulate the Borough of Bristol on the occasion of its **325**th Birthday celebration.

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

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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 sixteenth of February, 2006.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Kenney

Sponsored by: Council President Verna, Councilmembers Kenney, Goode, Rizzo, Tasco, Blackwell, Reynolds Brown, Miller, Ramos, Krajewski, Mariano, DiCicco and Clarke