

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 250501)

RESOLUTION

Honoring and Recognizing Njemele Tamala Anderson for Over 20 Years of Teaching and Being Named Philadelphia Citizen 2025 Educator of the Year.

WHEREAS, Njemele Tamala Anderson has dedicated over 20 years to educating Philadelphia students, creating classrooms that blend academic rigor, social justice, and liberatory education; as an English teacher at Science Leadership Academy at Beeber, her transformative approach has become a model for liberatory teaching throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Anderson's classroom is a safe haven and a space for intellectual exploration, where students engage with works such as Bettina Love's *We Want to Do More Than Survive*, connecting literature to their own lived experiences, and gaining the confidence to speak their truths often through projects that extend learning beyond the classroom and into the community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Anderson has dedicated herself to inspiring and mentoring a new generation of educators including students like Alden Page, her daughter Ansharaye Hines, and Councilmember Isaiah Thomas exemplifying the transformative power of representation and mentorship in education; and

WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Citizen has named Njemele Tamala Anderson as the 2025 Educator of the Year for her tireless commitment to uplifting the City's young people and modeling what it means to teach with humanity, dignity and purpose; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Anderson exemplifies the highest ideals of teaching, setting rigorous expectations while fostering a culture of care and belonging, ensuring every student feels seen, heard, and valued; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby honors and recognizes Njemele Tamala Anderson on being Educator of the Year and thank her for her unwavering dedication to the students of Philadelphia and her lifelong commitment to liberatory education.

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FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this Resolution be presented to Njemele Tamala Anderson and her family as a token of the sincere respect and admiration 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 eighth day of May, 2025.

Kenyatta Johnson
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth McCollum
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Thomas

Sponsored by: Councilmembers, Thomas Phillips, Gilmore Richardson,
Lozada, Brooks, Harrity, O'Rourke and Driscoll