

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 050028)

RESOLUTION

Declaring March as “Save Your Vision Month.”

WHEREAS, “Save Your Vision Month” is a national event sponsored every March by the American Optometric Association; and

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania College of Optometry is recognizing “Save Your Vision Month” with a vision health public awareness campaign entitled, “Set Your S.I.G.H.T. on Eye Care,” a campaign that encourages the public to undertake specific actions to prevent vision loss; and

WHEREAS, Vision can be protected by;

- Scheduling annual eye examinations
- Introducing a child to the importance of vision safety
- Getting to know your family history
- Handling your eyewear with utmost care
- Taking changes in your vision seriously; and

WHEREAS, The number of blind individuals in the United States exceeds one million; and

WHEREAS, The causes of blindness are numerous, but individuals can implement preventive steps to reduce the risk of vision loss; and

WHEREAS, Uncorrected refractive error, cataracts, diabetic eye disease, trachoma, trauma, and other conditions do not have to result in loss of vision; and

WHEREAS, When the public is observing the S.I.G.H.T. mandates, the chances of identifying vision conditions early and preventing eye injury are increased; and

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WHEREAS, The official 2005 “Set your S.I.G.H.T. on Eye-Care” campaign kick-off in City Council will launch a series of free screenings at Regional Free Library Branches, Senior Citizens Centers, and community centers; and

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania College of Optometry hopes that these free vision screening events will encourage members of the community, especially those who fall into high risk groups, to take a proactive approach to caring for their eyes; and

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania College of Optometry is also participating in Vision USA, a national effort to provide free eye examinations for working persons with no health insurance, who have not had an eye examination in the last twelve months; now therefore

RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Declares and recognizes March as “Save Your Vision Month” and encourages members of the community to “Set Your S.I.G.H.T. on Eye Care.”

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to representatives of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry, as a sincere expression of the Council’s gratitude, appreciation, and commendation for sponsoring and organizing free vision screening throughout Philadelphia during “Save Your Vision Month” 2005.

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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 twenty-fifth of January, 2005.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Tasco and Cohen

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Tasco, Cohen, Rizzo, Mariano, Miller, Reynolds Brown, Goode, Blackwell, DiCicco, Council President Verna, Councilmembers Clarke, Kenney, Nutter, O'Neill, Ramos and Kelly