

# City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 060717)

## RESOLUTION

Designating the week of Monday, October 2, 2006 through Monday, October 9, 2006 as “Christopher Columbus Week” in celebration of the festivities commemorating Columbus’ historic voyage to the New World and recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Philadelphia Columbus Day Parade.

WHEREAS, More than 500 years ago, a courageous Italian visionary set out on what would become one of the most momentous journeys in the annals of history. Christopher Columbus and the maps he charted to the “New World” were guiding lights to every ship that came to America; and

WHEREAS, The dauntless spirit of this great navigator from Genoa helped shape the destiny of the land that became the United States of America. Christopher Columbus was a man of strength, commitment and determination, qualities that are among the basic principles upon which the United States is founded; and

WHEREAS, The annual Philadelphia Columbus Day Parade began in South Philadelphia in 1957, and has since become one of the City’s premier celebrations. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the parade, which fosters a spirit of multiculturalism and respect for the numerous ethnic heritages in the region. This year’s parade highlights Italian and Italian American fraternal and social organizations, Mummer’s string bands, award winning high school bands from Pennsylvania and New Jersey, elite African American stepping groups and Dixieland music; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the annual parade, Columbus Day festivities include a gala dinner and an Italian Festival showcasing the culture and cuisine of the people of Italy; now therefore

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby designate the week of October 2, 2006 through October 9, 2006 as “Christopher Columbus Week” for the annual Columbus Day Parade and Italian Festival saluting the five hundredth and fourteenth anniversary of Columbus’ historic voyage to America.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That Engrossed copies of this resolution be presented to the Philadelphia Columbus Day Committee and Parade Marshall Severino Verna, Jr., 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 twenty-first of September, 2006.

Anna C. Verna  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember DiCicco for Council President Verna

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