

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 260352)

RESOLUTION

Honoring and recognizing Women Against Abuse on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary and celebrating five decades of leadership on the frontlines of Philadelphia's response to domestic violence.

WHEREAS, Women Against Abuse was founded in Philadelphia in 1976 by volunteers committed to ensuring that survivors of domestic violence were heard, believed, and supported; and

WHEREAS, From its earliest days, including its first Germantown rowhome shelter that quickly filled with families seeking safety, Women Against Abuse has remained rooted in Philadelphia as the City's comprehensive domestic violence provider, operating critical lifelines for survivors of all gender identities through inclusive, culturally responsive, and accessible services; and

WHEREAS, The organization's mission is to provide quality, compassionate, and nonjudgmental services that foster self-respect and independence in persons experiencing intimate partner violence, while leading the broader movement to end domestic violence through advocacy and community education; and

WHEREAS, For five decades, Women Against Abuse has transformed domestic violence from an overlooked and often dismissed issue into a coordinated, Citywide public concern; and

WHEREAS, Women Against Abuse has elevated Philadelphia's domestic violence response by operating two 100-bed emergency shelters, providing nationally recognized legal services and youth support, and pioneering Shared Safety to convene community organizations, public entities, and City leadership into a unified response; and

WHEREAS, The organization's work reflects the strength and compassion of Philadelphia, impacting countless survivors who have found safety, stability, and hope through its programs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby honors and recognizes Women Against Abuse for 50 years of service, celebrates its leadership in advancing

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safety and justice for survivors of domestic violence, and reaffirms its commitment to strengthening support systems and resources across Philadelphia.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this Resolution be presented to Women Against Abuse as an expression of the sincere admiration and gratitude of Philadelphia City Council.

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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 day of April, 2026.

Kenyatta Johnson
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth McCollum
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Lozada

Sponsored by: Council President Johnson, Councilmembers Lozada, Phillips, Gilmore Richardson, Gauthier, Jones, Landau, Brooks, Harrity, O'Rourke, Driscoll, Squilla and Ahmad