

# City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 030265)

## RESOLUTION

Proclaiming the “Bop” as the Official Dance of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, Philadelphia has a rich history and tradition of dance that stretches from dance halls to living rooms throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, While the City of Brotherly Love and Sisterly Affection has a strong influence on the culture of dance it has yet to name an official dance; and

WHEREAS, The “Bop” is one dance that has had an influence on every neighborhood of our great City; and

WHEREAS, Back in the day, and still today for that matter, you could tell what section of Philadelphia a dancer was from because of their style of the “Bop”; and

WHEREAS, While the “Bop” is mainly eight (8) counts with a hip-twisting, body swaying, double rhythm style, there are different versions from North Philadelphia, South Philadelphia, West Philadelphia, and versions that represent all areas of the City; and

WHEREAS, A number of famous songs are associated with the dance including: “Bop Till You Drop”, “Be-Bop-A-Lula” “Boppin’ Shoes” “Boppin’ and Moppin’” and the “Be Bop Boogie”; and

WHEREAS, Given the strong historical connection to Philadelphia and its residents, from working class folks to business people that know and love to “Bop”, the time has come to name the “Bop” as the Official Dance of Philadelphia, now therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby proclaim the “Bop” as the Official Dance of Philadelphia.

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FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Odunde for all of their hard work and dedication in preserving the rich history of dance in Philadelphia, and in particular, the “Bop.”

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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 April, 2003.

Anna C. Verna  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Reynolds Brown

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Tasco, Mariano, Miller, Rizzo, DiCicco, Blackwell, Nutter, Ortiz, Krajewski, Goode, Cohen, Clarke, O'Neill and Council President Verna

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