

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 250850)

RESOLUTION

Honoring and congratulating Graduate Philadelphia for twenty years of supporting adult learners, transforming lives, and strengthening the economic and educational fabric of the City of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, Established in 2005, Graduate Philadelphia emerged as a pioneering initiative dedicated to ensuring that adult learners, those who paused their education or sought new pathways to success have the resources, support, and opportunities needed to complete their degrees to achieve their goals; and

WHEREAS, Over the past two decades, Graduate Philadelphia has become a cornerstone of the city's education and workforce ecosystem, aligning resources both within and beyond higher education to help adult learners enroll in college, earn industry-recognized credentials, and secure family sustaining employment; and

WHEREAS, Since its founding, Graduate Philadelphia has supported more than 18,000 adult learners in earning over 10,000 college credentials, demonstrating its profound and measurable impact on the educational and economic landscape of Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, Adult learners represent the heartbeat and social fabric of our economy and workforce. They are firefighters, police officers, cooks, community leaders, cashiers, and military veterans. They are our neighbors, families, and friends who continue to strengthen our City through their dedication to lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, Through its *Career Integrated Learning Advising* model, Graduate Philadelphia expands pathways to learning by addressing barriers faced by underserved communities including basic needs, childcare, financial literacy, digital literacy, and access to comprehensive wraparound services; and

WHEREAS, The organization advances the social and economic mobility of adult learners through higher education degree attainment, workforce advancement, and access to living wage employment opportunities; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, hereby honors and congratulates Graduate Philadelphia on its twentieth anniversary and commends its unwavering commitment to empowering adult learners, strengthening families, and fostering economic opportunity across our City; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this Resolution be presented to the Board of Directors and Malik Brown, in recognition of this milestone anniversary and in appreciation of their continued leadership and service to the residents of Philadelphia.

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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 ninth day of October, 2025.

Kenyatta Johnson
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth McCollum
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Phillips

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Phillips, Gauthier, Lozada, Brooks, O'Rourke,
Driscoll, Squilla, Bass and Ahmad