

# City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 090032)

## RESOLUTION

Proclaiming January 2009 as “Poverty in America Awareness Month”.

The City Council of Philadelphia designates the Month of January 2009 as “Poverty in America Awareness Month.”

**WHEREAS**, In 2006, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development launched a new national awareness campaign that calls attention to the 37 million Americans now living in poverty, according to the 2006 U.S. Census figures; and

**WHEREAS**, At the same time, Catholic Campaign for Human Development focuses greater attention on the poor and low-income people who are doing something about breaking the cycle of poverty; and

**WHEREAS**, This is the fifth year in a row that the poverty rate in America has risen; and

**WHEREAS**, According to a report released by the U.S. Census Bureau in August 2005, the number of families in poverty increased from 10 percent and 7.6 million in 2003 to 10.2 percent and 7.8 million in 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, The U.S. Census has not released the poverty rate for 2008, however we know much to vividly that it will be an alarming increase; and

**WHEREAS**, The ad campaign offers a message of hope by showing children in Los Angeles who once walked in fear after school and now arrive safely home as they are protected from street violence by a dedicated group of volunteers; and

**WHEREAS**, It also visits Wisconsin where a group of family dairy farmers joined together to start their own cooperative in order to pool production and get a better price for their milk; and

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**WHEREAS**, Finally, the new campaign features young people in New Orleans who are learning from experts in the food service industry the skills they need to find better jobs and build a better future; and

**WHEREAS**, Established in 1970 by the U.S. Catholic Bishops, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development is one of the largest private funders of self-help programs initiated and led by poor people in the United States. Committed to the permanent elimination of poverty and injustice in the U.S., CCHD has supported more than 4,000 programs nationwide that know no racial or religious boundaries - projects that help create jobs, improve neighborhoods and allow people to find a way out of poverty not just for a day, but a lifetime.

**Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, By the City Council of Philadelphia that the Month of January 2009, shall be declared “Poverty in America Awareness Month.”**

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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-second of January, 2009.

Anna C. Verna  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Miller

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Goode, Blackwell, Jones, Sanchez, Rizzo, Greenlee, DiCicco, Kenney, Tasco, Krajewski, Green, Reynolds Brown, Council President Verna, Councilmembers O'Neill and Kelly