

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 230707)

RESOLUTION

Designating Thursday, October 12, 2023 as ‘Children’s Environmental Health Day’ in the City of Philadelphia, and recognizing the importance of clean air and water, safe food and consumer products, healthy environments and a stable climate to children’s health and development.

WHEREAS, the aim of Children’s Environmental Health (CEH) Day raises awareness to ignite local, regional and international action to support and advance safe and healthy environments for all children; and

WHEREAS, CEH Day was created by the Children’s Environmental Health Network and is observed annually on the second Thursday in October as a means to celebrate progress of the children’s environmental health movement and create a strong network of child health advocates; and

WHEREAS, lead exposure, poor air quality, mold, chemicals in consumer products and food supply, and diminishing water and soil quality are negatively affecting Philadelphia’s children; and

WHEREAS, the burden of extreme heat and a changing climate are most felt by the young and future generations, and we have begun to see the impacts locally with our recent wildfire smoke air quality emergency; and

WHEREAS, there is a community of nonprofit organizations, volunteers, neighborhood associations, researchers and institutions, including the Philadelphia Regional Center for Children’s Environmental Health (PRCCEH), that are working together to solve children’s environmental health issues in Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, this network of child health and environmental advocates are utilizing the latest research and community guidance to develop programs and resources to lower rates of childhood asthma and improve housing conditions and air quality, such as the Community Asthma Prevention Program and the Environmental Health Consultations in collaboration with the City’s Built to Last Program; and

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WHEREAS, CEH Day encourages individuals and organizations to raise awareness and understanding of children's environmental health issues, seek improved protections for all children, and to perform acts of sustainability or environmental health wellness; and

WHEREAS, together, we can safeguard the health, safety and wellbeing of society's most precious and vulnerable group, children; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That it hereby designates Thursday October 12, 2023 as Children's Environmental Health Day.

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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 twelfth day of October, 2023.

Darrell L. Clarke
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Gauthier

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Gauthier, Brooks, Bass, Phillips, Driscoll,
Squilla and Vaughn