

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 250864)

RESOLUTION

Honoring and recognizing The 8 Seconds Rodeo as a celebration of black rodeo culture and advancing cultural tradition in the City of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, The 8 Seconds Rodeo has rapidly grown into a renowned sensation since its founding in 2023 by Ivan McClellan; and

WHEREAS, It is an exhilarating evening of sport, culture, and community through competitive rodeo events; and

WHEREAS, Elite Black rodeo athletes compete in bull riding, bareback bronco riding, and barrel racing, continuing the proud legacy of Black cowboying; and

WHEREAS, The competition enables generations of cowgirls and cowboys to continue their family legacy in rodeoing and compete at the highest level; and

WHEREAS, The 8 Seconds Rodeo confronts and disrupts conventional historical narratives about the American West by elevating both the modern and historical legacy of Black cowboys and cowgirls; and

WHEREAS, The Rodeo's partnership with the Philadelphia Urban Riding Academy reflects its commitment to local equestrian heritage, youth development, and community impact; and

WHEREAS, The 8 Seconds Rodeo brings a unique Western experience to the City of Philadelphia for its residents and youth to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, It inspires future generations of young cowboys and cowgirls and captivates an ever growing audience with its thrilling event; and

WHEREAS, The 8 Seconds Rodeo will be making an appearance in Philadelphia on October 11th, 2025 at the Liacouras Center; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby honors and recognizes the 8 Seconds Rodeo as a celebration of black rodeo culture and advancing cultural tradition in the City of Philadelphia.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this Resolution be presented to the members of the 8 Seconds Rodeo, in recognition of their contributions to uplifting nontraditional aspects of Black culture.

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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 Jones

Sponsored by: Council President Johnson, Councilmembers Jones, Gilmore
Richardson, Gauthier, Thomas, Young, Brooks, Harrity,
O'Rourke, Driscoll, O'Neill, Squilla and Bass