

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

(Resolution No. 080737)

#### RESOLUTION

Recognizing October as Philly Plays SCRABBLE Month.

WHEREAS, Literacy is important to the City of Philadelphia and can be achieved in many ways; and

**WHEREAS**, SCRABBLE, is a word game in which two to four players score points by forming words from individual lettered tiles on a game marked with a 15-by-15 grid; and

**WHEREAS**, The game is very diverse as it is sold in 121 countries in 29 different language versions appealing to children from various social backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, The intensity of play, obscurity of words, and scores in tournament games are enjoyed worldwide in both club and tournament styles of play; and

WHEREAS, ASAP/After School Activities Partnerships and the Free Library of Philadelphia believe that the game of SCRABBLE teaches literacy skills as a fun enrichment activity; and

**WHEREAS,** During October, adults who love the game of SCRABBLE and are eager to share their skills with young people, either for pleasure or as competition, can foster learning and create a love of words and their meanings; and

**WHEREAS,** Those who play competitively will have the opportunity to be involved in play-off and championship matches, bringing excitement to the City, and promoting Philadelphia as a literate City; now therefore, be it,

**RESOLVED, THAT THE PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL,** Recognize and honor those who highlight SCRABBLE as a means of developing a more literate population, declare October as Philly Plays SCRABBLE Month an annual event.

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**FURTHER RESOLVED,** That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to ASAP/After School Activities Partnerships and the Free Library of Philadelphia as evidence of the sincere sentiments of this legislative body.

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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 September, 2008.

Anna C. Verna PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

- Introduced by: Councilmember Reynolds Brown
- Sponsored by: Councilmembers Reynolds Brown, Goode, Greenlee, Kenney, Jones, Blackwell, DiCicco, Sanchez, Tasco, Clarke and Krajewski