

# City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 000636)

## RESOLUTION

Recognizing the Legacy of William Penn on the anniversary of his birth, October 24th.

WHEREAS, Philadelphians recognize the founding by William Penn of our City, birthplace of the nation; and

WHEREAS, William Penn extended friendship and fair dealing to the native American Indians, and established our City and State as a haven for oppressed peoples of the world, to whom he offered religious and civil liberties, and high standards of justice; and

WHEREAS, William Penn was far ahead of his time as an untiring advocate of representative government, city planning, penal reform, humane mental institutions, and public education for everyone and one of the first statesmen to envision the unification of the American colonies; and

WHEREAS, William Penn, through his "Holy Experiment," introduced into our City and State a humanitarian code of law which was honored in 1751 by the casting of the Liberty Bell; and

WHEREAS, William Penn's belief in the nonviolent settlement of disputes among individuals, states, and nations continue to guide and inspire us today; now therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby recognize the legacy of William Penn, founder of this City and citizen of the first order on the anniversary of his birth, October 24th.

FURTHER RESOLVED, Than an Engrossed copy of this Resolution be presented to Jay Meyers and Elaine Peden, co-chairs of the Friends of William Penn, 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 fifth of October, 2000.

Anna C. Verna  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember DiCicco

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Clarke, Tasco, Longstreth, Ortiz, Mariano,  
Miller, Goode, Reynolds Brown, Blackwell, Council President  
Verna, Rizzo, Kenney, Nutter, Cohen and Krajewski