

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
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(Resolution No. 240891)

RESOLUTION

Recognizing October 16, 2024, as the Day of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence in the City of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, The Day of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence brings awareness to gun violence and the role young people, as individuals, can play in reducing gun violence; and

WHEREAS, On the Day of National Concern, students in schools across the country voluntarily sign the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, President Bill Clinton and the United States Senate first recognized the Day of National Concern and encouraged the national distribution of the Student Pledge. Since then, over 10 million students have signed the pledge; and

WHEREAS, The pledge for young students says: “If I see a gun, I won’t touch it. I will remember that any gun I see might be loaded. I know how important it is to keep myself safe”; and

WHEREAS, The pledge for older students says: “I will never bring a gun to school; I will never use a gun to settle a personal problem or dispute; I will use my influence with my friends to keep them from using guns to settle disputes. My individual choices and actions, when multiplied by those of young people throughout the country, will make a difference. Together, by honoring this pledge we can reverse the violence and grow up in safety”; and

WHEREAS, According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, firearm violence – including suicides, homicides, and accidental deaths — is the leading cause of death of children and adolescents; and

WHEREAS, The daily effects of gun violence are felt by residents across the City of Philadelphia, especially younger Philadelphians. It is, therefore, imperative for young people to

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understand and acknowledge the power they have, as a collective, to end gun violence in the City of Philadelphia; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby recognizes October 16, 2024, as the Day of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence in the City of Philadelphia.

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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 tenth day of October, 2024.

Kenyatta Johnson
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth McCollum
INTERIM CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Jones

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Jones, Phillips, Gilmore Richardson,
Gauthier, Young, Brooks, O'Rourke, Driscoll and Squilla