

# City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 000683)

## RESOLUTION

Designating December 21st as Homeless Persons Memorial Day.

WHEREAS, The winter poses extreme hardships for inadequately housed low-income men, women, and children in Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, The spirit of the holiday season of giving provides an opportunity for affirmation and renewal regarding the commitment to end homelessness; and

WHEREAS, December 21st has been designated National Homeless Person's Memorial Day by the National Coalition for the Homeless and is so recognized by more than 70 cities throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Homeless Memorial Day Committee has planned and convened four annual events recognizing homeless people who died in our City; and

WHEREAS, In this season of generosity and sharing, citizens of the City of Brotherly Love are encouraged to commit themselves to promoting compassion and concern for all brothers and sisters, especially those who are poor and homeless; and

WHEREAS, In remembering those who have died on the streets, the cause of ending homelessness is kept urgent, as is the city's collective commitment to preventing such deaths in the future; now therefore

RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby declares its commitment to promoting solutions that fundamentally break the cycle of poverty and homelessness and that provide a BluePrint to End Homelessness in Philadelphia.

FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby declares December, twenty-first (21st) as Homeless Persons Memorial Day, in recognition of the people who have died on our streets, in our

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emergency shelters, and condemned or abandoned properties from ailments or conditions directly related to homelessness.

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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 second of November, 2000.

Anna C. Verna  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Council President Verna, Blackwell, Goode and Ortiz

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Kenney, Cohen, DiCicco, Krajewski, O'Neill, Mariano, Nutter, Longstreth, Tasco, Miller and Rizzo

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