

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 250543)

RESOLUTION

Declaring May 16, 2025, as National Honor Our LGBTQ+ Elders Day in the City of Philadelphia, a day to recognize and celebrate the contributions of LGBTQ+ elders who have been pivotal in the fight for justice, equity, and rights for every member of the LGBTQ+ community.

WHEREAS, National Honor Our LGBTQ+ Elders Day is observed annually on May 16 to recognize and pay tribute to early generations whose bravery and activism have forged a path for LGBTQ+ youth to envision a future free from stigmatization and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, National Honor Our LGBTQ+ Elders Day was founded by The Center for LGBTQ Health Equity, a project of Chase Brexton Health Services in Baltimore, Maryland, and made an official national day in 2016 to draw awareness to and appreciation of the lifetime of contributions made by LGBT older adults; and

WHEREAS, As we honor LGBTQ+ elders, we celebrate and champion pivotal figures of the LGBTQ+ movement including Marsha P. Johnson, Harvey Milk, Sylvia Rivera, Bayard Rustin, Barbara Gittings, Frank Kameny, Tyrone Smith, Thom Cardwell, Gilbert Baker, Michael Hinson, Miss Major, Ms. Jaci Adams, Ms. Charlene Arcila, Ms. Dawn Munro, and Ms. Nizah Morris; and

WHEREAS, These pioneering LGBTQ+ elders have shaped the LGBTQ+ rights movement, and the ways in which LGBTQ+ people are treated by society at large with their contributions, activism, mentorship, education, community-building, and their commitment to fighting for those of us that come after them. As a result of their tireless efforts, LGBTQ+ people are safer, better understood, and freer to be themselves. Furthermore, the benefits to our society extend far beyond the LGBTQ+ Community, and in fact positively affect every member of our society in breaking down barriers and expanding the definition of what it means to be yourself; and

WHEREAS, National Honor Our LGBTQ+ Elders Day serves as a reminder to recognize the contributions of LGBTQ+ elders, celebrate their struggles, victories, and honor their authenticity

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and courage in creating a path toward freedom and equality for the LGBTQ+ community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby declares May 16, 2025 as National Honor Our LGBTQ+ Elders Day in the City of Philadelphia, a day to recognize and celebrate the contributions of LGBTQ+ elders who have been pivotal in the fight for justice, equity and rights for every member of the LGBTQ+ community.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this Resolution be presented to the residents of John C. Anderson Apartments 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 fifteenth day of May, 2025.

Kenyatta Johnson
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth McCollum
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Landau

Sponsored by: Councilmembers, Landau, Gauthier, Brooks, Harrity, Squilla
and Ahmad