

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 100230)

RESOLUTION

Recognizing and honoring David Acosta and GALAEI on the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of the founding of the GALAEI Latino A.I.D.S. Education Initiative.

WHEREAS, Until 1989 there was not a single local, state, or national program to support and serve H.I.V./A.I.D.S. education or prevention within the Latino and G.L.B.T. communities in the City of Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, David Acosta founded the The Gay and Lesbian Latino A.I.D.S. Education Initiative in 1989 alongside fellow community activists who recognized the lack of support for and sought to address the growing problem of H.I.V./A.I.D.S. within their community, and foster a relationship between the G.L.B.T. and Latino communities; and

WHEREAS, David Acosta served as the Executive Director of The Gay and Lesbian Latino A.I.D.S. Education Initiative for its first ten years, and oversaw the successful implementation and integration of the agency into the City of Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, The Gay and Lesbian Latino A.I.D.S. Education Initiative is one of the oldest Latino H.I.V./A.I.D.S. service agencies in the country, and the only service agency in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which aims to serve the Latino and G.L.B.T. communities and provide them with the necessary support for addressing the growing H.I.V./A.I.D.S. crisis; and

WHEREAS, The Gay and Lesbian Latino A.I.D.S. Education Initiative provides support for by offering free H.I.V. testing and counseling, prevention education targeted to youth in the community, and works with individuals on a one-on-one basis to provide emotional and social support; and

WHEREAS, The Gay and Lesbian Latino A.I.D.S. Education Initiative will host its 20th Anniversary celebration entitled “*Revolutionary Family: From Cowboys to Mpac*” on April 16, 2010 at the Gershman Y in Philadelphia; and

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WHEREAS, David Acosta will be honored with the Revolutionary Leader Award, for his inspirational commitment and dedication to organizing, supporting, and fighting for people living with H.I.V./A.I.D.S. within the G.L.B.T. and Latino communities, as well as their families and friends.

THEREFORE, By the virtue of this Citation, The Council of The City of Philadelphia hereby recognizes and honors David Acosta. We offer our sincerest gratitude for your limitless passion and commitment for fighting for the H.I.V./A.I.D.S. community and its allies. You have inspired and educated countless residents of Philadelphia and beyond, and we look forward to many more years of commitment, hard work, support, and success!

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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 eighth of April, 2010.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Sanchez

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Sanchez, Greenlee, Jones, Miller, Goode, DiCicco, Reynolds Brown, Kenney, Rizzo and Green