

# City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 260397)

## RESOLUTION

Recognizing Rev. Dr. Lorina Marshall-Blake on her retirement and the lasting impact she has made on the City of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Lorina Marshall-Blake has distinguished herself as a trailblazing leader and dedicated public servant whose career has been defined by her steadfast commitment to advancing the needs of the City of Philadelphia and improving the lives of those she serves; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Lorina Marshall-Blake has served as President of the Independence Blue Cross Foundation (“Foundation”), where she has led strategic, programmatic, and operational efforts to advance the Foundation’s mission to lead sustainable solutions that improve the health and wellness of communities in Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Lorina Marshall-Blake has overseen \$115 million in grantmaking while leading the Foundation and has distinguished herself as a collaborator, innovator, convener of diverse organizations, and thoughtful leader in addressing emerging health needs; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Lorina Marshall-Blake has devoted her time to her church and community through serving as an associate minister at Vine Memorial Baptist Church and through her active involvement in more than thirty professional and civic organizations, including serving as the 28<sup>th</sup> President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Omega Omega Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Lorina Marshall-Blake has been recognized for her exemplary leadership and service by diverse organizations such as the NAACP, the Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania, and the Philadelphia Tribune; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Lorina Marshall-Blake has been the recipient of many prestigious awards and honors, including the 2025 Philadelphia Region’s Leaders Award from The Philadelphia Tribune, and the Health Care Innovator Award from the Philadelphia Business Journal; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Lorina Marshall-Blake has given her time and service on twenty-five non-profit boards and committees of local, state, and national organizations including Urban Affairs Coalition, Baptist Pastors Ministers Conference, and Forum for Executive Women; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Lorina Marshall-Blake's academic achievements include a bachelor's degree from Antioch College and a master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania, and she has been named an Honorary Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and is a former appointee to the National Advisory Council on Nursing Education and Practice in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Lorina Marshall-Blake throughout her accomplished career has exemplified an unwavering commitment to improving the lives of others and has left a lasting legacy on the City of Philadelphia and beyond; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby celebrates and acknowledges the leadership and outstanding contributions of Rev. Dr. Lorina Marshall-Blake in the City of Philadelphia, and extends our best wishes on her retirement.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this Resolution be presented to Rev. Dr. Lorina Marshall-Blake further evidencing the sincere respect 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 twenty-third day of April, 2026.

Kenyatta Johnson  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth McCollum  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Gilmore Richardson

Sponsored by: Council President Johnson, Councilmembers Gilmore Richardson, Phillips, Gauthier, Thomas, Jones, Landau, Lozada, Young, Brooks, Harrity, O'Rourke, Driscoll, O'Neill, Squilla, Bass and Ahmad