

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 230690)

RESOLUTION

Recognizing and honoring Doctor Steven Larson, MD, for his humanitarian efforts in bringing top-notch medical service to underserved communities, bringing a dream of care and compassion into the world that moves forward with every life saved.

WHEREAS, Steven Larson, MD, is a cofounder of Puentes de Salud. He served as the assistant dean for Global Health Programs and an associate professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, He received his B.A. in Fine Arts from Haverford College and his M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Over the past 20 years, Dr. Larson has developed an extensive working knowledge of the health care issues facing immigrant populations in the United States and in under-served populations worldwide. Since 1988 he has immersed himself in the history of Central America and examined the impact of politics, geography, economics and religion on health care; and

WHEREAS, He visits frequently and has many personal and professional contacts throughout Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and El Salvador; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Larson exemplifies what it means to be a human being and a global citizen; and

WHEREAS, In 1993 Dr. Larson established Frontline Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine to help students and residents explore the complex issues facing underserved populations. In 1999, with the goal of collaborating nationally with other medical educators committed to global health, Dr. Larson joined IHMEC, the International Health Medical Education Consortium (now GHEC). In 2000 he was elected to its Governing Council. Through this relationship, Dr. Larson has identified an expanded range of clinical and research opportunities for Penn medical students over the past 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Larson also serves as the faculty advisor for the student-run Global Health Interest Group; and

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WHEREAS, From 1993 to 2006, Dr. Larson served as the volunteer medical consultant for Project Salud, a nurse-managed migrant health clinic located in rural southern Chester County that provides health care to the predominantly Mexican labor force employed in the local agricultural industry. In 1994 Dr. Larson created an elective course on immigrant health for medical and nursing students. In 2003, recognizing the rapid growth of an urbanized, undocumented Latino population, Dr. Larson and his colleagues Drs. Jack Ludmir and Matthew O'Brien initiated work to establish Puentes de Salud; and

WHEREAS, Educating the next generation of students who will work on improving community health has been an important component of Dr. Larson's career. The work of Puentes exemplifies community-oriented service; and

WHEREAS, Through his founding of Puentes, he has saved countless human lives, growing a dream into a life affirming reality; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That it does hereby recognize and honor Dr. Steven Larson, MD, for his dedicated work as a doctor, an activist, and a global citizen.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Steven Larson 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 fifth day of October, 2023.

Darrell L. Clarke
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Lozada

Sponsored by: Councilmember Lozada