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Recognizing and honoring the 2015 Winners of PHL LIVE Center Stage.

WHEREAS, PHL LIVE Center Stage is a music initiative established by Councilman David Oh as Chairman of the Committee on Global Opportunities and Creative/Innovative Economy; and

WHEREAS, PHL LIVE Center Stage provides local musicians with exciting opportunities to be discovered, to be promoted, and to achieve success here in Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, PHL LIVE Center Stage’s performances and Award Show is structured across 10 different genres of music, bringing diverse musicians together. The 10 different genres are: Rock, Hip-Hop, Jazz, Classical, Gospel, Country/Folk, World, Pop, R&B, and DJ. In addition, a “People’s Choice” Award is selected in the 11th category; and

WHEREAS, The finalists perform live in prominent local venues: World Café Live, Milkboy, Hard Rock Cafe, Underground Arts, Reformation Lutheran Church, The Clef Club of Jazz, Warmdaddy’s, The Curtis Institute of Music, Voltage and Fire and Ice; and

WHEREAS, The final winners for each genre are decided at the 2nd PHL LIVE Center Stage Award Show by judges who are considered experts in the industry in December at the Trocadero; and

WHEREAS, The “People’s Choice” award is voted on by the audience before and during the Award Show at the Trocadero Theater; and

WHEREAS, The winning artists from each genre receive top prizes such as having a single recording on the PHL LIVE Center Stage compilation album, \$1000 cash, studio recording time, music videos, documentaries, and opening at major concerts; and

WHEREAS, The 2015 winner of the Rock category is American Dinosaur; and

WHEREAS, The 2015 winner of the Hip-Hop category is Cesar; and

WHEREAS, The 2015 winner of the Jazz category is Brian Jordan; and

WHEREAS, The 2015 winner of the Classical category is Garrick V. Morgan; and

WHEREAS, The 2015 winner of the Gospel category is Dave Bak; and

WHEREAS, The 2015 winner of the Country/Folk category is the Bastard Sons of Captain Mey; and

WHEREAS, The 2015 winner of the World category is Jah People; and

WHEREAS, The 2015 winner of the Pop category is Natalie Bermudez; and

WHEREAS, The 2015 winner of the R&B category is Jae The Artist; and

WHEREAS, The 2015 winner of the DJ category is DJ Macky; and

WHEREAS, The 2015 winner of the “People’s Choice” category is Jae The Artist; and

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That it hereby recognizes and honors the 2015 Winners of PHL LIVE Center Stage.