

## Legislation Text

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Designating November 25, 2023 the Day of Serenity in the City of Philadelphia, providing communities disproportionately impacted by gun violence the opportunity to gather in peace and healing.

WHEREAS, In response to a record 562 homicides in the City in 2021, Philly United As One, under the leadership of Charles "Tone" Barr, organized its first-ever Day of Serenity in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Philly United As One continues its mission of giving communities an opportunity to gather and peacefully heal from the constant gun violence that has besieged their neighborhood through the second annual Day of Serenity in the City of Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, Communities suffering from gun violence routinely find themselves portrayed in a negative light in the media. As a result, outsiders may not realize these neighborhoods maintain a strong sense of solidarity and neighborly love; and

WHEREAS, The Day of Serenity is a reminder that positivity, love, and community are powerful and underutilized tools in the fight against violence; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That it hereby recognizes November 25, 2023 the Day of Serenity in the City of Philadelphia, providing communities disproportionately impacted by gun violence the opportunity to gather in peace and healing.