

Legislation Text

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Declaring June 21, 2024 as “Make Music Philly Day.”

WHEREAS, Music is an extremely powerful medium and is referred to in many colorful phrases as the universal language, as having charms to soothe the savage beast, and as the sound of what emotions feel like; and

WHEREAS, The City of Philadelphia is overflowing with residents who use their abundant gifts to perform, entertain, and bring both happiness and comfort to their audiences. Providing opportunities for Philadelphia's music lovers to attend these performances is a valuable “natural resource,” and the City commends those musicians who share their gifts and help us connect with each other; and

WHEREAS, Make Music Philly is an annual one-day festival held on the Summer Solstice (the longest day of the year) to encourage people of all musical abilities to celebrate the joy of making music; and

WHEREAS, Presented by Soul Sanctuary, Make Music Philly is part of the international music festival known as Make Music Day, which was first celebrated as Fete de la Musique in Paris, France in 1982. Over one thousand cities in 120 countries will celebrate Make Music Day in 2024, its 42nd anniversary; and

WHEREAS, On Make Music Philly Day, musical performances and educational workshops are planned to take place in public spaces throughout Philadelphia and will be free for musicians and audiences alike. These events include musicians of all styles and abilities, ranging from beginners to professionals. Musical genres will include a cappella voice, hip hop, jazz, bluegrass, rock, and our famous Philly Soul; and

WHEREAS, Several of these events highlight youth and children, including Kidchella, presented by Wawa Welcome America in partnership with Smith Memorial Playground, to encourage the entire family to revel in the joys of today's Sound of Philadelphia, created by its residents and enjoyed throughout the world; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA declares June 21, 2024 to be Make Music Philly Day.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Stephanie Renee, Coordinator of Make Music Philly, as evidence of the sincere sentiments of this legislative body.