

Legislation Text

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Recognizing and Celebrating Young Involved Philadelphia and Its 8th Annual State of Young Philly Week in the City of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, Young Involved Philadelphia held its first open meeting in early 2001 and later incorporated as a 501(c) (3) charitable organization in 2003. Today, the organization boasts more than 7,000 members and has built a reputation as Philadelphia's leading organization of young citizens (ages 22-35). Young Involved Philadelphia has historically achieved its goals through education about civic affairs, advocacy around key City issues, and events for young professionals and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, Young Involved Philadelphia serves as an umbrella organization working to partner organizations with young professionals for collaboration and information sharing; and

WHEREAS, On Thursday, October 12, 2017, Young Involved Philadelphia will commence its 8th annual State of Young Philly ("SOYP") event series in the City of Philadelphia. Over the course of nine days, SOYP brings together over 50 partner organizations and 1,000 young professionals, elected officials, and organizational leaders to examine the current state of Philadelphia and work to generate change in the City; and

WHEREAS, SOYP events will take place October 12-21, 2017 and are designed to engage, connect, and represent the millennial generation. Civic-minded attendees will gather across the City in parks, museums, schools, and other unique spaces to learn about ways to get involved in Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, Since 2009, SOYP has served as a clear point of entry for anyone looking to get involved in the civic and social fabric of Philadelphia. The events of the week are a crash course, providing context and nuance on a range of relevant issues. The biggest impact of SOYP, are the connections made among thousands of attendees and dozens of organizations. Whether an individual is new to the City or a longtime resident, SOYP is a week where you can meet the people who will be volunteering, campaigning, fundraising, rallying, and leading with for the next 51 weeks; and

WHEREAS, Young Involved Philadelphia will engage the Philadelphia community of millennials with over 25 programs from October 12-21, 2017; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby recognize and celebrate Young Involved Philadelphia and its 8th annual State of Young Philly Week in the City of Philadelphia.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Young Involved Philadelphia, as evidence of the sincere sentiments of this legislative body.