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## Legislation Text

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Proclaiming The Week of October 19<sup>th</sup> 2009 as “Drug Free Work Week”.

The City Council of Philadelphia designates the week of October 19<sup>th</sup> 2009 as “Drug Free Work Week” in Philadelphia and encourages that all highlight the benefits of drug-free workplace programs and raise awareness of the many resources available to achieve safe, healthy and drug-free work environments.

**WHEREAS**, Working drug free work week helps make workplaces safer while preventing accidents from occurring; and

**WHEREAS**, Working drug free work week helps improve productivity while reducing the costs related to increased absences, accidents and errors; and

**WHEREAS**, Working drug free work week encourages people with drug and alcohol problems to seek help; and

**WHEREAS**, Recent research find that 75 percent of the nation’s illegal drug users are employed, and an estimated 3 percent or more have admitted to drug use before or during work hours; and

**WHEREAS**, 79 percent of the nation’s alcohol users are employed. While more than 7 percent admit to consuming alcohol during the workday, up to 40 percent of industrial fatalities and 47 percent of industrial injuries can be traced to alcohol consumption and alcoholism; and

**WHEREAS**, Drug-free workplace programs help to protect employers and employees from the potentially devastating consequences of worker alcohol and drug use; and

**WHEREAS**, Establishing policies, educating about the dangers of drug and alcohol use, deterring and detecting use, and urging people to seek help are smart safety strategies as well.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA**, That the week of October 19<sup>th</sup> 2009 be designated as “Drug Free Work Week” in Philadelphia and that all are encouraged to highlight the benefits of drug-free workplace programs and to raise awareness of the many resources available to achieve safe, healthy and drug-free work environments.