

Legislation Text

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Recognizing and honoring Renee Chenault Fattah on the release of her new film, “In Our Right Mind: Alzheimer’s and Other Dementias’ Impact in Communities of Color”.

WHEREAS, Renee Chenault-Fattah is a former co-anchor of the WCAU NBC 10 News at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. on weeknights in Philadelphia. She majored in political science at Johns Hopkins University, and went on to earn her J.D. at the University of Pennsylvania Law School; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Chenault-Fattah worked at Hughes Hubbard & Reed, a law firm in New York, and then clerked for Judge Damon Keith of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. She then began her media career, earning a master's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Chenault-Fattah joined WCAU, in September 1991, and served as an anchor and a reporter. After a few years anchoring the noon broadcast with Tim Lake, Chenault-Fattah was promoted to the 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. news in March 1995. In 2003, Chenault served as co-anchor at 4 p.m., 6 p.m., and 11 p.m. on WCAU NBC 10 News; and

WHEREAS, Recently, Ms. Chenault-Fattah premiered her film, “In Our Right Mind: Alzheimer’s and Other Dementias’ Impact in Communities of Color” in the Perelman Theatre on the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus after two years of hard work and preparation; and

WHEREAS, The 52-minute film gives an inside look into families of color living with the day to day realities and Alzheimer’s Disease and other forms of Dementia and why these diseases tend to impact communities of color more than others. According to the Alzheimer’s Association black people are two times more likely than white people to develop Alzheimer’s Disease and Hispanics are 1.5 times more likely to develop the disease than white people; and

WHEREAS, Chenault-Fattah hopes this important film will be widely viewed. She is working with NBC 10 to have it aired on television and has another screening planned in Baltimore. In 2020, she plans to travel the country to have screenings at memory care centers, churches and community organizations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby recognizes and honors Renee Chenault Fattah on the release of her new film, “In Our Right Mind: Alzheimer’s and Other Dementias’ Impact in Communities of Color”.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Renee Chenault Fattah as a sincere expression of the Council of the City of Philadelphia’s gratitude, admiration and recognition.