

Legislation Text

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Recognizing Thursday, March 5, 2009 as “**Blue Thursday**” in the City of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, Thursday, March 5, 2009 is “**Blue Thursday**”, a special day created and promoted by talk show host Dom Giordano and The Big Talker WPHT 1210 am; and

WHEREAS, Dom is asking listeners from all over the Delaware Valley to show their support for police officers who are increasingly under fire from armed criminals on our streets. He is urging his audience to show their support by wearing blue; decorating your car, home, or place of business with blue ribbons and encouraging everyone you know to do the same and show support for police officers throughout the region on “**Blue Thursday**”; and

WHEREAS, The Big Talker 1210's Dom Giordano will host a special live broadcast from Geno's Steaks from 6 PM to 12 Midnight on Thursday, March 5th, 2009. Dom and an array of special guests will discuss and analyze the reasons for the recent rash of police killings in Philadelphia and ways to reduce gun violence and make our streets safer; and

WHEREAS, “**Blue Thursday**” coincides with Joey Vento's Geno's Steaks fund raiser for the families of fallen Philadelphia Police Officers. Joey Vento will again donate all dollars generated by sales of his famous cheese steaks from 10 AM on Thursday, March 5th until 6 AM on Friday, March 6th. Previous individual Geno's fund raising efforts have raised more than \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, On “**Blue Thursday**”, The Big Talker 1210 will also debut a new Salute-A-Cop promotion where the station will begin to regularly recognize police officers for individual excellence on the job; and

WHEREAS, In conjunction with “**Blue Thursday**”, the Port Richmond Town Watch has been participating in a program called “Project Blue Light” where hundreds of homes in the riverward neighborhood have placed blue light bulbs on their front door and porch lights to show support and solidarity for the Philadelphia Police Department during this time of crisis and violent loss to those men and women in blue who have given the ultimate sacrifice. The hope is for Project Blue Light to become popular citywide; now therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby recognize Thursday, March 5th, 2009 as “**Blue Thursday**” in the City of Philadelphia.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Dom Giordano of WPHT 1210 am as further evidence of the sincere appreciation of this legislative body in his effort to create “**Blue Thursday**” to showcase and highlight the phenomenal support of the Delaware Valley to those men and women who protect and serve as police officers.