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Recognizing May 5-10, 2025, as Philly Tech Week in the City of Philadelphia and celebrating the vibrant and thriving tech ecosystem in Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, Philly Tech Week is a dynamic week-long celebration that highlights emerging technological trends and the exceptional talent that is driving the local innovation ecosystem. The aim of Philly Tech Week is to bring together technologists, entrepreneurs, and innovators to lead forward thinking conversations and generate bold ideas that will promote meaningful progress. This year, Philly Tech Week is marking its 15th anniversary as the region's longest-standing celebration of tech and innovation; and

WHEREAS, Philly Tech Week was created and is led by Technical.ly, an organization that has been leading the charge to promote Philadelphia's tech scene and foster a culture of innovation; and

WHEREAS, Founded by Christopher Wink in 2009, Technical.ly is a news organization that connects and challenges a community of technologists, entrepreneurs, and other professionals invested in their hometowns. The core mission of this organization is to prioritize community, advance sustainability, invest in impact, accelerate our innovation, and lead with team culture; and

WHEREAS, Philly Tech Week 2025 is presented by Comcast and hosted by 1Philadelphia, a coalition of stakeholders working together to make Philly the capital of equitable tech and innovation. This coalition focuses on radically transforming the landscape of opportunity in Philadelphia by focusing on three key areas: talent development, community cultivation, access and upskilling; and

WHEREAS, Philadelphia is home to a variety of tech organizations working to support innovation and entrepreneurship, fostering a thriving local tech ecosystem by connecting stakeholders to strengthen Philadelphia's tech workforce, and promoting workforce development, including Beyond Literacy, Level Up Philly, Philly Tech Sistas, Latinas in Tech, Technology Learning Collaborative (TLC), Hopeworks, Launchpad, DigitalEquityPHL, Coded by:, and Philly Community Wireless; and

WHEREAS, Philly Tech Week is vital to teaching youth about technology, innovation, and inspiring future generations about potential careers in STEM fields because it prepares them for future careers, enables them to develop essential digital literacy skills, and helps them navigate this tech world through making students responsible digital citizens; and

WHEREAS, An annual celebration and gathering of influencers, founders, and innovators in the technology, Philly Tech Week furthers Philadelphia's reputation as an emerging East Coast hub of technology and innovation, and signifies the City of Philadelphia's commitment to advancing opportunity and development in the technological field; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby recognize May 5-10, 2025, as Philly Tech Week in the City of Philadelphia and celebrate the vibrant and thriving tech ecosystem in Philadelphia.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy be presented to representatives of Philly Tech Week, further evidencing the sincere admiration and respect of this legislative body.

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