

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 260439)

RESOLUTION

Recognizing May as Music Month in the City of Philadelphia and celebrating the city's dedication to the arts, its legacy of producing world-class musicians across genres, and its powerful economic impact, generating billions in revenue, jobs, tourism, and local business growth.

WHEREAS, The City of Philadelphia has a long history of musical talent, from mainstream media to the fine arts. Philadelphia is home to more than forty venues that host artists from all over the United States and the world; and

WHEREAS, Philadelphia has been home to exceptional artists throughout U.S. history, spanning both mainstream media and the fine arts. The City cemented its place in musical history through its esteemed institutions, such as the Curtis Institute of Music, the Philadelphia Orchestra, and the Academy of Music, the oldest opera house in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Philadelphia has a rich musical legacy that includes hip-hop and its own distinct genre, Philly Soul, a cultural blend of funk, R&B, and hip-hop. The City has also been home to legends like Teddy Pendergrass, Boyz II Men, The Roots, Patti LaBelle, Hall & Oates, Will Smith, Jasmine Sullivan, Freeway, and Tierra Whack; and

WHEREAS, According to the 2025 Music Industry Economic Impact Memo by Econsult Solutions, the music industry in Philadelphia alone produces \$6.1 billion in total annual output. The music economy represents a huge portion of the City's arts and culture scene as well as wages and compensation, supporting 33,000 jobs and providing \$1.4 billion in compensation. This industry provides jobs not just for artists, but also in administration, healthcare, real estate, and transportation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby recognizes Philadelphia as the Original Music City, and honors the countless artists and industry professionals who work tirelessly to cultivate and showcase talent in our City.

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FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this Resolution be presented to The Original Music City Task Force in recognition of their service to the City and efforts to implement the first ever Philadelphia May Music Month.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the thirtieth day of April, 2026.

Kenyatta Johnson
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth McCollum
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Thomas

Sponsored by: Council President Johnson, Councilmembers Thomas, Phillips, Gilmore Richardson, Gauthier, Landau, Lozada, Brooks, Harrity, O'Rourke, Driscoll, Squilla and Bass