

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 260316)

RESOLUTION

Honoring Councilmember Isaiah Thomas' Dedication Towards Elevating the Lives of Young People Throughout Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, Councilmember Isaiah Thomas is widely recognized across Philadelphia for his “dual-hat” role as both a public servant and a high school basketball coach; and

WHEREAS, Serving as the Boys Varsity Basketball Coach at Sankofa Freedom Academy Charter School located in Kensington, he exemplifies mentorship, dedication, and resilience, extending these values onto student-athletes while forging lasting relationships that uplift young people; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Philadelphia, Councilmember Thomas developed a passion for basketball at a young age, becoming a varsity standout at Frankford High School, where he cultivated the leadership, teamwork, and resilience that now defines his approach to mentorship and youth development; and

WHEREAS, His experiences on the court have shaped all facets of his life, translating teamwork, collaboration, and perseverance into his work in public service, where he continues to motivate others, resolve conflicts, and guide young people through emotionally charged moments, empowering his players to work together, problem-solve, and succeed during the most influential parts of the game both on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, As Chair of the Committee on Education, Councilmember Thomas has advanced legislation and initiatives to ensure that all young people, regardless of background, have access to sports, safe spaces, and opportunities that foster belonging, growth, and community; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Thomas understands that youth sports serve as critical social infrastructure, creating connections that lead to higher education opportunities, career pathways, and long-term personal development, while also introducing forward-thinking policies such as Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) protections to ensure young athletes can safely build and benefit from their talents; and

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WHEREAS, In an era where youth are increasingly drawn to technology and engaging less with one another in person, Councilmember Thomas leverages his long history of athletic experiences to create spaces that emphasize teamwork, conflict resolution, and interpersonal skill-building, ensuring that young people have opportunities to connect, build community, and grow together beyond screens, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA hereby recognizes Councilmember Thomas for leading the Sankofa Freedom Academy Charter School varsity boys' basketball team to a state championship, bringing great pride and admiration to the City of Philadelphia, and celebrating the values of joy, service, and teamwork that strengthen our communities.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this Resolution be presented to Councilmember Thomas as a token of the City's recognition for his sincere dedication and service towards utilizing his experiences to positively impact on the lives of young people throughout Philadelphia.

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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 ninth day of April, 2026.

Kenyatta Johnson
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth McCollum
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Lozada

Sponsored by: Council President Johnson, Councilmembers Lozada, Gauthier, Thomas, Landau, Young, Brooks, Harrity, O'Rourke, Driscoll, Squilla and Ahmad