

# City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 110322)

## RESOLUTION

Recognizing and Honoring the Nation of Paraguay on the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its Independence from Spain.

WHEREAS, Paraguay has a proud and diverse Gaurani Amerindian culture, dating back many thousands of years; and

WHEREAS, The people of Paraguay valiantly ended over 200 years of colonial rule on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1811; and

WHEREAS, Paraguay continued its independence struggle for many more years, defending its independence from hostile neighbor states; and

WHEREAS, The leaders of Paraguay's independence movement, such as Fulgencio Yegros, and Fernando De La Mora, are honored in Paraguay's "Pantheon of Heroes"; and

WHEREAS, This important monument, in the capital city of Asuncion, remains a popular gathering place for celebrations and expressions of national pride; and

WHEREAS, Paraguay is now home to over 6.3 Million people, and this dynamic nation is experiencing some of the fastest economic growth in South America; and

WHEREAS, Paraguay has developed a rich literary and musical history, producing many notable artists and writers including Hugo Rodriguez Alcala, and Augustin Barrios Mangore; and

WHEREAS, The main United States event to celebrate the anniversary of Paraguay's independence will be held in Philadelphia, with a Gala event at the Kimmel Center on May 14<sup>th</sup>; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That The Council of the City of Philadelphia hereby honors and recognizes the nation of Paraguay of 200 years of independence and for its tremendous contributions to South American culture and identity.

FURTHER RESOLVED That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Paraguay Bicentennial Committee and its President, Wilfrido Risso, as a expression of the sincere admiration and respect of this body.

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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 fifth of May, 2011.

Anna C. Verna  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Sanchez

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Sanchez, Green, Rizzo, Clarke, Tasco, Miller, Greenlee, Blackwell, Kenney, Jones, Goode, DiCicco, Krajewski and Kelly