

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 080736)

RESOLUTION

Recognizing September 27, 2008 as *Green Jobs Now: A National Day of Action to Build the New Economy in Philadelphia*.

WHEREAS, *Green Jobs Now: A National Day of Action to Build the New Economy*, September 27, 2008, is a day to show how much we the public are ready to tackle the climate crisis by building a green economy strong enough to lift people out of poverty; and

WHEREAS, *Green Jobs Now* is a National Day of Action that will empower everyday people to stage hundreds of grassroots events throughout the country, including events planned in Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, *Green Jobs Now* is a day that reminds all leaders that Green Jobs address the economic and environmental crisis that has disproportionately affected low-income people, people of color, and indigenous peoples; and

WHEREAS, Green Jobs rebuild a strong middle class and provide pathways out of poverty by enabling low-income earners to take the first step toward economic self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, Green Jobs benefit Philadelphia by reducing poverty, pollution, and the effects of global warming and contribute to making a more sustainable and energy efficient city; and

WHEREAS, The Apollo Alliance reports that a \$300 billion investment in America's economic and energy future over 10 years would produce 3.3 million jobs and a \$1.43 trillion gain in GDP; and

WHEREAS, Renewable energy creates 40% more jobs per dollar invested than coal fired plants; and

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WHEREAS, The Spanish wind developer Gamesa built its first U.S. manufacturing plant in Ebenburg, Pennsylvania that now has 276 well paid, unionized employees; and

WHEREAS, The solar energy industry employed over 20,000 people in 2001 and that number is expected to increase 7.5 times -- to 150,000-- by 2026; and

WHEREAS, With the passage of Resolutions 080266 and 080689, this Council has expressed its desire to support the proliferation of Green Jobs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby recognize September 27, 2008 as ***Green Jobs Now: A National Day of Action to Build the New Economy*** in 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 twenty-fifth of September, 2008.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Reynolds Brown, DiCicco and Sanchez

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