

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 050354)

RESOLUTION

Recognizing May 1, 2005 as Law Day and the week of May 1, 2005 to May 7, 2005 as Law Week in the City of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, Law Day programs assist the expansion of people's awareness of our heritage of liberty under law and help them appreciate how the rule of law makes our democracy possible; and

WHEREAS, Law Day and Law Week will foster an appreciation for how the law contributes to the blessings of liberty we have appreciated and how essential law is to the challenges we face; and

WHEREAS, The overall theme is the "American Jury" and the many excellent programs emphasize how speaking up for democracy and diversity strengthens our country; and

WHEREAS, America's commitment to inclusion has helped us grow from a struggling nation on the world's frontier to the world's great power. We've welcomed people from all over the globe, and their religions and cultural heritage have added to the rich tapestry that is the American experience; and

WHEREAS, The law has helped foster and further this heritage evidenced by the fact that hundreds of our laws extend the promise of America to all persons in the court, on the job and in our schools; and

WHEREAS, May 1 is the official date of Law Day which is the beginning of Law Week as the American Bar Association (ABA) is joined by national organizations, states and local bars, businesses, and schools, in conducting thousands of programs on the rule of law in a constitutional democracy; and

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WHEREAS, One of the goals of Law Day 2005 is to urge all Americans to let their voices be heard, whether through the vote or by other means, as we continue to protect and perfect the rights and responsibilities of a diverse society under law; now therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby recognize May 1, 2005 as Law Day and the week of May 1, 2005 to May 7, 2005 as Law Week in the City of Philadelphia.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Philadelphia Bar Association as evidence of this legislative body's sincere commitment to the promotion of the principles that Law Day 2005 and Law Week seek to foster.

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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-eighth of April, 2005.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Ramos

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Blackwell, Clarke, Reynolds Brown, Miller, Mariano, Tasco, Rizzo, Krajewski, Kenney, Cohen, O'Neill and Kelly