

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 050353)

RESOLUTION

Honoring ODUNDE, Inc. on the occasion of its Thirtieth Anniversary and Lois A. Fernandez, Founder and Board President.

WHEREAS, ODUNDE, Inc. is an annual African-American holiday festival that celebrates the coming of another year and the opportunity for renewal for African-Americans; and

WHEREAS, The festival began in 1975, modeled after the experiences of Ms. Lois A. Fernandez when she attended the annual African festival of Oshun held in Osogbo, Nigeria; and

WHEREAS, It is an occasion marked by joy and hope, a joy which is highlighted by a colorful procession to the Schuylkill River where offerings of fruit and flowers are made to Oshun, the Yoruba Goddess of Love and Life-Sustaining Rivers; and

WHEREAS, The scope and magnitude of the festival has steadily increased. Attendance at the festival has surpassed 300,000, it has earned international recognition and has attracted acclaimed performers of the African Diaspora; and

WHEREAS, ODUNDE, Inc. has expanded from a one day event to a year round organization as ODUNDE, Inc. now serves school age children, as well as others, with cultural programs and activities; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its thirty year history ODUNDE, Inc. has been a model for promoting joy, togetherness and understanding to all Philadelphians; now therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby honor ODUNDE, Inc. its Founder and Board President, Lois Fernandez, on the occasion of its Thirtieth Anniversary.

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FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Lois Fernandez, Founder and Board President of ODUNDE, Inc. as evidence of the sincere sentiments of this legislative 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 twenty-eighth of April, 2005.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Reynolds Brown for Council President Verna and Councilmembers Blackwell and Goode

Sponsored by: Council President Verna, Councilmembers Reynolds Brown, Blackwell, Goode, Miller, Mariano, Krajewski, Tasco, Rizzo, Ramos, Nutter, Kenney, Kelly, O'Neill, Cohen and Clarke