

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 030751)

RESOLUTION

Recognizing November 18th as The National Prematurity Awareness Day.

WHEREAS, Premature births are a serious and growing problem, and are the leading cause of newborn deaths in America; and

WHEREAS, Premature births are also the leading obstetrical problem in the United States, affecting one in every eight babies; and

WHEREAS, A premature birth can happen to any woman; nearly half of all early births happen for unknown reasons; and

WHEREAS, Premature babies can suffer lifelong consequences, such as chronic health problems or developmental disabilities, putting a strain on families and on society; and

WHEREAS, Despite the fact that prematurity is a serious and costly problem for us all, most people are unaware of its magnitude; and

WHEREAS, For 65 years, the March of Dimes has been fighting for the health and well-being of America's children and is now taking on the problem of prematurity; therefore

RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Recognizes November 18, 2003 as Prematurity Awareness Day, in which we commend and support the March of Dimes in their efforts to fund research and programs to find causes of prematurity.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be presented to the March of Dimes as a sincere expression of our support and encourage all citizens of the City of Philadelphia to support the March of Dimes in this endeavor.

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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 thirteenth of November, 2003.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Tasco, Mariano, Nutter and Council President Verna

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