

# City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 000564)

## RESOLUTION

Recognizing September 26, 2000 as STOP IT NOW! Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Day in the City of Philadelphia.

**Whereas**, Everyone in our society is affected when we find that each year one in five girls and one in seven boys are sexually abused by the age of eighteen; and

**Whereas**, Experts recognize that 84% of sexual assault cases go unreported, despite the many committed, knowledgeable and caring organizations working hard to help these courageous children and their families, and

**Whereas**, Dozens of studies demonstrate the long-term and devastating harm sexual abuse has on the victims, their families and the community in which they live; and

**Whereas**, Adults, not children, must be responsible for preventing child sexual abuse requiring a public health approach to teach adults, including abusers and people that know them, new skills for questioning, challenging, preventing and stopping inappropriate sexual behaviors by adults and adolescents; and

**Whereas**, STOP IT NOW!PHILADELPHIA is a charitable organization that is part of national movement dedicated to creating public awareness about the trauma of child sexual abuse with the ultimate mission of ending sexual abuse of children. STOP IT NOW! PHILADELPHIA is a city-wide initiative supported by many organizations and individuals, including The Joseph J. Peters Institute, The Philadelphia Children's Alliance, The Institute for Safe Families, The Special Victims Unit of the Philadelphia Police Department, Women Organized Against Rape, The Department of Human Services, The Family Support Line of Delaware County and Support Children/Adult Network. Inc.; and

**Whereas**, On September 26, 2000 STOP IT NOW!PHILADELPHIA celebrates the commencement of its public awareness campaign in Philadelphia.

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***Therefore, Be it resolved,*** The City Council of Philadelphia does hereby recognize September 26, 2000 as STOP IT NOW! Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Day in the City of Philadelphia, and extends Council's best wishes to STOP IT NOW! PHILADELPHIA and all other organizations working to prevent child sexual child abuse in our city.

***Further resolved,*** That a copy of this resolution be presented to STOP IT NOW! PHILADELPHIA as a representation 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

Anna C. Verna  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Marie B. Hauser  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Ortiz and Reynolds-Brown

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

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