

# City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 010224)

## RESOLUTION

Recognizing May 4, 2001 as “School Crossing Guard Day” in the City of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, School crossing guards were first utilized in Philadelphia in May, 1952. A pilot program was started in the 17th Police District, at 20th and Federal Streets, consisting of 29 women. The program expanded citywide in September, 1952 to 500 women. Presently, there are 1000 guards assigned to school crossings citywide; and

WHEREAS, Children, as they walk to and from school, are constantly crossing streets, often during the rush hour, thereby, through no choice of their own, endangering themselves; and

WHEREAS, To ensure the safety of these children, the position of School Crossing Guard was established, and now there is a formalized School Crossing Guard Unit under the supervision of the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, The Philadelphia School Crossing Guards are the eyes and ears of the City, and they are entrusted with protecting and ensuring the safety of our children as they assist school children during morning and afternoon hours, and at lunchtime, helping to escort students safely across streets at hundreds of locations; and

WHEREAS, During School Crossing Guard Day, the city of Philadelphia commends these dedicated public servants and applauds their careful attention to the safety of our children; now therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That it hereby recognizes May 4, 2001 as “School Crossing Guard Day” in the City of Philadelphia.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Ms. Betty McDonald, President of Local 1956, Philadelphia School Crossing Guards, 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 fifth of April, 2001.

Anna C. Verna  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Rizzo, Ortiz, Miller and Mariano

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

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