

PROCLAMATION

Philadelphia is a city of singular American history and, notably, a city of historic innovation. From Founding Father Ben Franklin's bold kite and key experiments in electricity to the game-changing debut of the Electronic Numerical Integrator and Computer (ENIAC), the world's first electronic, general-purpose computer at the University of Pennsylvania in 1946, Philadelphia has made the development of science and technology a priority and recognized the critical importance of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) programs in activities and academic curricula for students of all ages, at all levels of education.

The City of Philadelphia is committed to fostering quality education, embracing diversity, and supporting our young people to access and thrive in the workforce. Contributing to these efforts is the Philadelphia STEM Equity Collective (PSEC), a ten-year collaborative effort of 550+ individuals that strives to increase the number of Black, Latinx and women going into STEM careers in our city by 2030. PSEC brings together Philadelphia schools, out-of-school time providers, colleges and universities, employers, community members, local government and the philanthropic community using a collective impact approach to leverage opportunities and close gaps for individuals from backgrounds under-represented in STEM. PSEC looks to support strategies in Philadelphia to increase STEM access in homes and communities, create equitable and diverse education-to-career pathways and support work environments where Black people, Latinx people and women thrive.


On Thursday, November 2, 2023, the organization will celebrate *National STEM Equity Week* to officially bring awareness to the importance of science and technology education for building equitable growth for the city's diverse workforce.

THEREFORE...

I, James F. Kenney, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia do hereby proclaim the week of Monday, October 30, 2023 through Sunday, November 5, 2023 to be

PHILADELPHIA STEM EQUITY WEEK

and encourage all residents to recognize the importance of building equitable STEM career pathways for the under-represented populations in our city and commend STEM industries and employers to continue to support STEM opportunities in which Black, Latinx and women Philadelphians can develop, innovate, and thrive.



James F. Kenney
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Mayor

Given under my hand and the seal of
the City of Philadelphia on this
thirtieth day of October, two thousand
and twenty-three