

Office of County Commissioner
Dauphin County, Pennsylvania

Proclamation

We, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, take pride and pleasure in joining forward-thinking business leaders around the globe in celebrating the 2nd Semi-Annual Russian-American Innovation Technology Week and the promise it holds for the future;

Whereas, since 1994, the Mid-Atlantic Russia Business Council has worked continuously to foster business relationships between Russia and the U.S. Mid-Atlantic Region, melding Russian engineering savvy with American entrepreneurial skills;

Whereas, the partnership's primary goal is to cultivate a mutual appreciation for the political, economic, cultural and educational interests of each nation and nurture Russian-American technological cooperation;

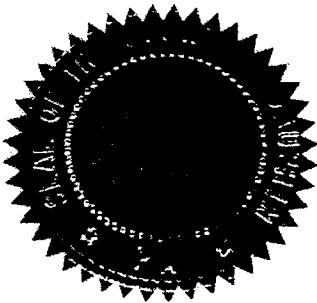
Whereas, this celebration in the latter part of June is designed to bring together entrepreneurs, scientists, venture capitalists, and established corporations within the United States and Russian technology communities, to match skills with needs;

Whereas, this Board of Commissioners is always delighted to recognize innovative public-private partnerships that promote business and economic development within Dauphin County and the Commonwealth;

Whereas, Dauphin County is proud to serve as the host county for the "Business Opportunities in Russia" Seminar at the Harrisburg Hilton, one of many seminars taking place along the East Coast;

Therefore, we join the 251,300 residents of Dauphin County and business leaders from around the world in honoring the Mid-Atlantic Russia Business Council's 2nd Semi-Annual Russian American Innovation Technology Week; and in honor and praise of the synergy taking root here today, we do hereby proclaim June 24, 2005 as "Business Opportunities in Russia Day" in Dauphin County.

In witness thereof, we have hereunto set our hand and caused the seal of the Commissioners of Dauphin County to be affixed this 24th day of June, 2005.



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Chad Saylor, Chief Clerk

Board of Commissioners

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