

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

Proclamation

The Semi-Annual Russian-American Innovation Technology (RANIT) Weeks, organized by the Mid-Atlantic-Russian Business Council, have played an important role in fostering relationships between businesses in Philadelphia and in Russia.

Twice annually, RANIT brings representatives from Russian technology companies to meet with their counterparts in the Mid-Atlantic region.

The City of Philadelphia is proud that the 4th RANIT will be held in Philadelphia from April 6-12, 2006. A Russian delegation representing the best Russian biotechnology companies and research institutes will attend events in our city before traveling to BIO 2006. The 5th RANIT, to be held from November 13-19, 2006 will open in Philadelphia and will emphasize Russian-American technology cooperation across a variety of industries.

It is the goal of the Mid-Atlantic-Russia Business Council to foster commercial relationships between the Mid-Atlantic States and Russia, and to establish this region as a major partner for Russian technology companies and a premier center of Russian-American technology cooperation.

THEREFORE . . .

I, John F. Street, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, do hereby proclaim the second week of April and the third week of November 2006 as

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in Philadelphia, and encourage all citizens to extend a warm welcome to all participants with best wishes for successful partnerships filled with innovation, ideas, and exploration as we begin the 21st century together.




JOHN F. STREET
Mayor

Given under my hand and
the Seal of the City of
Philadelphia, this sixth day of
April, two thousand and six.