

# CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

## Proclamation

The Mid-Atlantic - Russia Business Council has played an important role in fostering relationships between businesses in Philadelphia and in Russia. RANIT has presented the Semi-Annual Russian-American Innovation Technology Week since its inception in 2003.

We are proud that RANIT has its home in Philadelphia, a leading center for technology and biotechnology research. The 6<sup>th</sup> RANIT is being held from May 1 - 9, 2007 and focusing on the field of biotechnology. A Russian delegation representing the best Russian biotechnology companies and research institutes is attending the conference.

The 7<sup>th</sup> RANIT, is also being held in Philadelphia in mid-November 2007, and will emphasize Russian-American technology cooperation across a variety of industries.

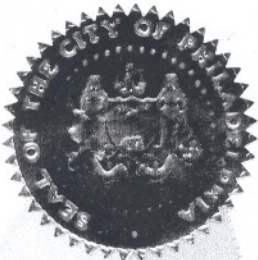
We applaud the efforts of the Mid-Atlantic - Russia Business Council to foster commercial relationships between the Mid-Atlantic states and Russia and we strongly support RANIT's goal to establish the Mid-Atlantic Region as a major partner for Russian technology companies and a premier center of Russian-American technology cooperation.

### THEREFORE ...

I, John F. Street, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, do hereby proclaim the first week of May and the third week of November 2007, as

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in Philadelphia, and I extend a warm welcome to all participants of the Council's Semi-Annual Week, with best wishes for successful partnerships filled with innovation, ideas and exploration as we move together into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.



  
JOHN F. STREET  
Mayor

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Philadelphia this first day of May, two thousand and seven.