PROCLAMATION

The City of Philadelphia's deep history of diversity makes it a proud hub of international activity. Business leaders from around the world know Philadelphia is a place where they will be welcomed and can easily find local residents who are compatriots. Our diversity is a unique strength that, through partnerships with many international business leaders, nurtures economic growth and leads to future economic development.

Founded in 1994, the Mid-Atlantic–Eurasia Business Council (MAEBC) has worked to foster business relations between Eurasia/Russia and the U.S. Mid-Atlantic region by enabling business leaders in both regions to enhance their platforms across the world. From Tuesday, April, 25 to Thursday, May 11, 2017, the council will present the 21st Annual Eurasian-American Innovation Technology Week (RANIT). The multi-industry event highlights increased involvement between key policy makers in American and Eurasian countries.

The event will kick off with a welcoming ceremony and opening session in the Mayor's Reception Room at City Hall on Tuesday, April 25, 2017. Delegates from Eurasian countries including Belarus, Bulgaria, Greece, Israel, Kazakhstan, and Russia are expected to attend and partake in intensive policy and business discussions during programs such as the Eurasian-American Technology & Entrepreneurship Conference, the Eurasian Economic Union Session, the Eurasian/Russian-American Life Sciences Innovation Roundtable, the Eurasian-American Innovation Technology Commercialization Roundtable, and the Days of Eurasian-American Innovation Entrepreneurship Cooperation. The participants will later be involved in the Hermes Expo and World Trade NYC Week in New York City.

The events will focus on information technology, biotechnology, the pharmaceutical industry, medical equipment, life sciences, alternative energy, nanotechnology, the chemical industry, educational technology, and entrepreneurship. It will feature important discussions with business leaders, policymakers, financiers, and technology corporations in order to promote technological cooperation between American and international businesses.

THEREFORE...

I, James F. Kenney, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 25 to Thursday, May 11, 2017 to be

EURASIAN-AMERICAN INNOVATION TECHNOLOGY WEEK

in Philadelphia and urge all citizens to be aware of the importance of this dialogue in fostering the development of Eurasian-American industries, and the economic benefits it brings our City and the surrounding Mid-Atlantic region.

James F. Kenney

Mayor

Given under my hand and the seal of the City of Philadelphia on this twenty-fifth day of April, two thousand and seventeen