

PROCLAMATION

Philadelphia is a city of rich ethnic and international diversity and benefits greatly from the mix of cultures and traditions fostered in our vibrant neighborhoods. Within our communities, citizens from across the globe contribute daily to our City's cultural vitality and bolster our economic development in aspects of business, education, healthcare, science and technology.

The Philadelphia region ranks 8th among major cities that claim significant populations of Russian Americans, a national population numbering between 4 and 5.5 million with a concentration in the Mid-Atlantic region. Philadelphia serves as a proud host city of the semi-annual Russian-American Technology Weeks and as the location for key events including the Russian-American Innovation Technology/University Research and Commercialization Conference at the University City Science Center—the historic location of the first Russian company to establish an office in Philadelphia.

Co-organized by the Mid-Atlantic Russia Business Council, this year marks the Tenth Anniversary of Russian-American Innovation Technology Week and the 18th presentation of the semi-annual Russian-American Technology Weeks (RANIT) and Russian-American Innovation Entrepreneurship Cooperation (RAVC) Days.

RANIT and RAVC events foster dialogue and cooperation while creating an atmosphere for innovation within U.S. and Russian technological industries. RANIT events include discussions with business leaders, policymakers, financiers, and technology corporations to promote technological cooperation between Russian and American businesses. In November of 2013, RAVC will bring together entrepreneurs, scientists, venture capitalists, and nearly 30 leading Russian and American corporations to explore and shape the field of innovation technology.


RANIT and RAVC events are supported by Russian governmental organizations and include the participation of the City of Philadelphia, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and regional Mid-Atlantic organizations focusing on international business development, technology, innovations, and entrepreneurship.

THEREFORE...

I, Michael A. Nutter, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, do hereby proclaim the week of September 23 – 30, 2013 to be

RUSSIAN-AMERICAN INNOVATION TECHNOLOGY WEEK

in Philadelphia, and urge all citizens to be aware of the significance of the semi-annual Russian-American Innovation Technology Weeks in developing opportunities through cooperation between the United States and Russian and Russian-American technological industries.


Michael A. Nutter
Mayor

Given under my hand and the seal of
the City of Philadelphia on this
twenty-third Day of September, two
thousand and thirteen

