PROCLAMATION

The City of Philadelphia's position as a model center of innovation has been greatly enhanced through the contributions of its diverse populations. Citizens have traveled from distant points across the globe to make Philadelphia their home and continue to enrich the City's economic vitality through progressive business development and scientific research and technological advances that impact education and healthcare.

From its strategic location in the nation's Mid-Atlantic region, Philadelphia proudly claims to have the 8th largest Russian-American population among other major cities in the country. The Philadelphia area has also been a leading region for Russian-American business.

On June 11 – 25, 2015, the Mid-Atlantic Russia Business Council and the Mid-Atlantic Eurasia Business Council present the 20th Annual Eurasian/Russian-American Innovation Technology Week (RANIT). The 20th RANIT features discussions with business leaders, policymakers, financiers, and technology corporations in order to promote technological cooperation between Eurasian/Russian and American businesses. This year's RANIT will focus on biotechnology, the pharmaceutical industry, medical equipment, life sciences, alternative energy, nanotechnology, the chemical industry, information technology, technology in education, and entrepreneurship.

Representatives from leading Eurasian and Russian companies and educational institutions, as well as senior federal and regional government officials, will take part in programs including the Eurasian/Russian-American Life Sciences Innovation Conference and the Eurasian/Russian-American Innovation Technology, University Research & Commercialization Roundtable at the University City Science Center, the home of the first Russian company to establish an office in Philadelphia.

THEREFORE...

I, Michael A. Nutter, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia do hereby proclaim Thursday, June 11 through Thursday, June 18, 2015 to be

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in Philadelphia and urge all citizens to be aware of the importance of this dialogue in fostering the development of Russian-American industries. I also congratulate the Mid-Atlantic – Eurasia Business Council on its 20th anniversary of cultivating business relationships between Eurasia, the Commonwealth of States, and the U.S. Mid-Atlantic region.

Michael A. Nutter Mayor

Given under my hand and the seal of the City of Philadelphia on this eleventh day of June, two thousand and fifteen

