

PROCLAMATION

Historically, the Mid-Atlantic region was the first in the United States to develop strong ties with Russia. Today, it continues to be the leading region for Russian-American business, education, healthcare, and technology.

This year is the 14th Semi-Annual Russian-American Innovation Technology Week (RANIT-BIO) in Philadelphia. Traditionally, RANIT-BIO has brought together local businesses with opportunities in Russia, but has now expanded its program to include a pharmaceutical conference, welcoming experts and industry leaders from Russia in the healthcare sector to participate.

With major trends shaping the future of the healthcare market, Philadelphia is pleased that the Mid-Atlantic Russian business Council is bringing such extraordinary opportunities to our great City. Since the colonial times, Philadelphia has been an important center for medicine and healthcare and today, with several major pharmaceutical companies in the surrounding area it remains one of the leading sectors in the region.

The City of Philadelphia is pleased and excited to welcome Russian representatives and technology professionals to our great city. We hope that through continued efforts, Philadelphia and Russian companies will develop major partnerships to make the City a premier center for Russian-American business cooperation.

THEREFORE...

I, Michael A. Nutter, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, do hereby proclaim late June and mid-November

RUSSIAN-AMERICAN INNOVATION TECHNOLOGY WEEKS

in Philadelphia and extend a warm welcome to all participants of the Council's Semi-Annual Weeks with best wishes for a successful partnership filled with innovation, ideas, and exploration to lead a 21st Century economy.


Michael A. Nutter
Mayor

Given under my hand and the
Seal of the City of Philadelphia
on this twenty-third day of
June, two thousand and eleven

