

# 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 March 12 – 15, 2014, the Mid-Atlantic Russia Business Council co-presents the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Russian-American Innovation Technology Week (RANIT). The 19<sup>th</sup> RANIT features discussions with business leaders, policymakers, financiers, and technology corporations in order to promote technological cooperation between Russian and American businesses. This critical dialogue is supported by nearly 30 leading American and Russian business and governmental organizations, including the administrations of the City of Philadelphia and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as well as Mid-Atlantic regional organizations.

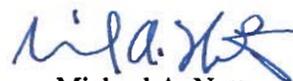
Representatives from leading Russian companies and educational institutions, as well as senior federal and regional government officials, will take part in programs including the Russian-American Life Sciences Innovation Conference and the Russian-American Innovation Technology, University Research & 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 the week of March 10 – 15, 2014 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 – Russia Business Council, founded in 1994, on its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of cultivating business relationships between Russia, 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 tenth  
day of March, two thousand and  
fourteen

