

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 4 -10

MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON LITERACY

WHEREAS, adult literacy is an issue that is key to citizens' growth and well-being throughout the nation and in Philadelphia;

WHEREAS, adult literacy enhances the opportunities of citizens to earn a living and enjoy satisfying lives;

WHEREAS, adult literacy encourages parents to embrace their role as the first and most important teacher of their children;

WHEREAS, adult literacy promotes participation in all aspects of civic life and democracy;

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Free Library of Philadelphia to support the educational goals of all citizens of Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City of Philadelphia to provide equal opportunity to all of its citizens;

NOW THEREFORE, by the power vested in me by the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, it is hereby **ORDERED**:

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON LITERACY.

The Mayor's Commission on Literacy is hereby established. The purpose of the Commission shall be (1) to advise and counsel the Mayor on ways to promote adult literacy among Philadelphia residents and on public policies that affect literacy efforts; (2) to provide a forum for discussing policy issues relating to adult literacy; (3) to promote an awareness of the need for action; (4) to encourage increased volunteer efforts on behalf of literacy; and (5) to encourage private sector involvement and support of literacy efforts.

SECTION 2. COMPOSITION OF THE MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON LITERACY; RELATED MATTERS.

(a) The Commission shall be composed of no fewer than 15 members, appointed by the Mayor. Membership shall represent area education agencies and institutions, libraries, business, labor, churches, job training, and civic and community organizations.

(b) Eight appointees shall serve in terms of two years, and seven appointees shall serve in terms of one year; if appointed, a sixteenth member shall serve in a one-year term, a seventeenth member in a two-year term, and so on, in alternating one-year and two-year terms. All succeeding appointments shall be for terms of two years. Commission members shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and shall be eligible for reappointment to successive terms.

- (c) The members of the Commission shall serve without compensation.
- (d) A chair or co-chairs of the Commission shall be appointed by the members of the Commission from among themselves for one-year terms.
- (e) The Mayor shall appoint an Executive Director of the Commission, who shall serve at his pleasure.
- (f) The Commission shall adopt its own rules of procedure and internal organization. Such rules shall become effective only after approval by the Administrative Board, and will be consistent with the provisions of this Executive Order.
- (g) The Commission shall convene regularly at such times and places it may designate.

SECTION 3. DUTIES.

(a) The Commission shall be responsible for advising the Mayor on the initiation, development, and implementation of policies and programs throughout City government to achieve the purposes of this executive order.

(b) It shall be the responsibility of the Free Library of Philadelphia to see that the policies, programs and services recommended by the Commission and approved by the Mayor are implemented.

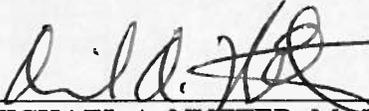
SECTION 4. REPEAL.

Executive Order 08-84, dated May 7, 1984, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This order shall be effective upon its execution by the Mayor.

9/8/10
DATE



MICHAEL A. NUTTER, MAYOR