

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 09-14

MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

WHEREAS, The City of Philadelphia has a deep concern for the challenges and needs of people with disabilities, including a desire to create opportunities to effectively utilize their skills and abilities; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of The City of Philadelphia to protect and promote equal rights for people with disabilities in the City of Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide for greater cooperation, communication, accessibility and coordination of services across City government and throughout the City of Philadelphia;

WHEREAS, on March 5, 1986, Mayor W. Wilson Goode established the Mayor's Commission on People With Disabilities by Executive Order No. 2-86;

WHEREAS, it is desirable to reestablish the Commission at this time,

NOW THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me by the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, I, Mayor Michael A. Nutter, do hereby **ORDER** as follows:

SECTION 1. Reestablishment of the Commission

The Mayor's Commission on People with Disabilities is hereby reestablished in the Office of the Mayor.

SECTION 2. Purposes of the Commission

The purposes of the Commission are:

1. To advise the Mayor with respect to existing and proposed programs, services, and projects and all other matters relating to the challenges of people with disabilities;
2. To aid in the development of programs for services for people with disabilities, in cooperation with the public and private sectors;
3. To ensure the rights and privileges of full citizenship of people with disabilities by promoting compliance with legislation and policies pertaining to civil rights;

4. To promote self-advocacy, self-awareness and independence by and for people with disabilities; and
5. To assist people with disabilities through referral, information and direct service.

SECTION 3. Organization and Membership

1. The Commission shall be composed of no less than eleven (11) members appointed by the Mayor, who shall be representative of the diverse composition of the population of the City and who shall share a commitment to the goals of the Commission.
2. Members of the Commission shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor for two year terms.
3. Members shall serve without compensation.
4. The Chair of the Commission shall be designated by the Mayor.
5. The Mayor shall appoint an Executive Director of the Commission, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor, be responsible directly to the Mayor and act as spokesperson for the Commission.
6. The Commission shall convene regularly at such times and places as it may designate, but no less than three times per year.

SECTION 4. Duties of the Commission

1. The Commission shall be responsible for advising the Mayor regarding the initiation, development and implementation of City policies and programs to achieve the purposes and goals of this Executive Order.
2. The Executive Director, with assistance of the members of the Commission, shall provide the Mayor with periodic reports summarizing its work.

SECTION 5. Other Provisions

1. All employees, officials, departments and agencies in the Executive-Administrative branch of the government of the City of Philadelphia are hereby directed to cooperate with the Commission to the fullest extent possible consistent with the Home Rule Charter of the City of Philadelphia.

2. Executive Order No. 2-86 ("Mayor's Commission on People with Disabilities") is hereby rescinded.
3. This order shall take effect immediately.

10/31/14
Date


Michael A. Nutter, Mayor