**Executive Order No. 4-13**

**Emergency Declaration Regarding Demolition Approvals**

WHEREAS, in light of the recent tragic building collapse at 22nd and Market Streets, the City needs to do everything within its powers to protect the public against future recurrences; and

WHEREAS, Section 8-407 of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter provides that the Mayor may suspend the 30-day notice and comment period for departmental regulations in the face of an emergency,

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Michael A. Nutter, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, pursuant to Section 8-407 of the Home Rule Charter, do hereby:

1. DECLARE an emergency affecting the public safety.

2. SUSPEND the notice and comment requirements of Section 8-407 of the Home Rule Charter to allow the Department of Licenses and Inspections to immediately put into effect improved safety requirements regarding building demolitions.

3. DIRECT the Managing Director and the Commissioner of Licenses and Inspections to take all appropriate steps to insure that demolition work in this City is performed safely and appropriately, with the safety of the public always the paramount consideration.

6/7/13
June 7, 2013

Michael A. Nutter, Mayor