EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 13-08

THE OFFICE OF LGBT AFFAIRS AND
THE MAYOR’S ADVISORY BOARD ON LGBT AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, the City’s lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) communities vitally contribute to the development, health, and culture of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City’s policy is to deliver services to all residents and visitors without regard to their sexual orientation or gender identity; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City of Philadelphia to secure equal rights for all of its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael A. Nutter, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, by the powers vested in me by the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, do hereby order as follows:

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICE OF LGBT AFFAIRS

A. The Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Affairs, headed by the Director of LGBT Affairs, is hereby established in the Office of the Mayor.

SECTION 2. DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR OF LGBT AFFAIRS

The Director of LGBT Affairs shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

A. Develop City policy regarding civil rights issues affecting LGBT people;

B. Serve as a liaison to Philadelphia and the regions’s LGBT residents and organizations;

C. Improve LGBT community access to City services;

D. Support the growth and development of Philadelphia’s LGBT communities; and

E. Serve as a spokesperson on behalf of the Mayor in connection with LGBT issues and activities.

SECTION 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MAYOR’S ADVISORY BOARD ON LGBT AFFAIRS

A. The Mayor’s Advisory Board on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Affairs is hereby established in the Office of the Mayor.
B. The Advisory Board shall consist of a maximum of 25 members who represent a cross-section of Philadelphia’s LGBT communities.

C. The Board shall be presided over by two co-chairs, appointed by the Mayor.

SECTION 4. DUTIES OF THE MAYOR’S ADVISORY BOARD ON LGBT AFFAIRS

The Mayor’s Advisory Board on LGBT Affairs shall:

A. Identify and advise the Mayor regarding priorities for the LGBT community relating to public safety, education, economic development, health and City services, and civil rights;

B. Advocate for the implementation of the Mayor’s platform on LGBT issues; and

C. Advise the Mayor on efforts to provide LGBT citizens with information, policy statements, and positions of the Administration.

SECTION 4. EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 5-84.

Executive Order No. 5-84, establishing the Mayor’s Commission for Sexual Minorities, is hereby rescinded.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Order shall take effect immediately.

9/25/08

DATE

MICHAEL A. NUTTER, MAYOR