EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 13-11

MAYOR’S COMMISSION ON AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALES

WHEREAS, African-American males are often particularly subject to problems and challenges including high unemployment, incarceration, high drop-out rates, violence and the impact of gun violence, drugs, and poor health care, and not enough has been done to resolve these problems;

WHEREAS, Mayor W. Wilson Goode, through Executive Order No. 7-91, established a Commission on African-American Males to assist the City in addressing these and other issues;

WHEREAS, the formation of that Commission was a positive step toward improving the situation of African-American males within the City; and

WHEREAS, it will be useful at this time to re-constitute and re-vitalize that Commission and further define its goals and duties;

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

The Mayor’s Commission on African-American Males is hereby established.

SECTION 2. COMPOSITION

The Commission shall be comprised of not less than thirty persons, to be appointed by the Mayor, as follows:

A. The Commission shall include, but not be limited to, representatives from the following sectors: Government, Business, Education, Labor, Health, and Civic organizations with an emphasis on service.

B. A minimum of three (3) appointees shall be between the ages of 18 and 25 years.

C. The Chair and/or the Co-Chairs of the Commission shall be designated by the Mayor.

D. The Chair and/or the Co-Chairs may jointly designate committees comprised of subsets of Commission members to focus on particular aspects of its mission.

E. Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation and at the pleasure of the Mayor.
SECTION 3. POWERS AND DUTIES.

The Commission shall:

A. Provide a focus for issues of concern facing African-American males, including but not limited to the issues set forth in the 2011 Black Male Agenda created by the Father’s Day Rally Committee.

B. Advise the Administration on policies affecting African-American males.

C. Hold informational hearings at locations throughout the City, soliciting input from citizens on issues of particular concern to African-American males.

D. Under direction of the Mayor and as coordinated through the office of the Deputy Mayor for Administration and Coordination/Managing Director, have access to all relevant City Departments and Agencies, the personnel of which are hereby directed to co-operate with requests from the Commission.

E. Convene regularly at such times and places as it may designate.

F. Submit annually to the Mayor a report on the state of African-American males in Philadelphia, with proposed action steps and recommendations.

SECTION 4. PRIOR EXECUTIVE ORDER

Executive Order No. 7-91 is hereby rescinded.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Order shall be effective immediately.

\[9/15/11\]
Date

Michael A. Nutter, Mayor