

FILE OF THE CITY CLERK

COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 29-2015

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILWOMAN WILSON – MAY 26, 2015

ADOPTED BY COUNCIL – MAY 26, 2015

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER
DESIGNATING JUNE 7, 2015 AS NELSON M. POLITE, SR. DAY IN THE CITY OF
LANCASTER AND HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF NELSON M. POLITE, SR.
AND HIS SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF HIS CITY.**

WHEREAS, Nelson M. Polite, Sr. has served his city, his nation, his church, his family and dozens of organizations honorably for more than 91 years; and

WHEREAS, Nelson M. Polite, Sr. has been a stabilizing force in his North Street neighborhood, where he lived in his family's home nearly his entire life, and

WHEREAS, Nelson M. Polite Sr. has influenced generations of children through his organization and direction of the Junior Herd Drum and Bugle Corps of the Conestoga Elks Lodge, as a Boy Scout commission and troop scoutmaster, and his leadership on the boards of the Crispus Attucks Community Center, Lancaster Recreation Commission and Arbor Place youth center; and

WHEREAS, Nelson M. Polite Sr. served his nation in the U.S. Army in World War II, served his city as a City Council member and Council president for a dozen years and as chairman of the Lancaster City Planning Commission for a decade; and

WHEREAS, Nelson M. Polite Sr., has served his community as a founder of anti-drug group DADDS, active leader of the United Way of Lancaster County, McCaskey High School Alumni Association, Lancaster Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Southeast Lancaster Health Services and many other organizations; and

WHEREAS, Nelson M. Polite Sr. served Bethel AME Church, where he has been active all of this life, including as chairman of the Elders Board, and currently as trustee emeritus; and

WHEREAS, Nelson M. Polite Sr. was elevated to the 33rd and last degree in the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite Masons in 1975 and has served in many leadership roles in 68 years as a Prince Hall Mason; and

WHEREAS, Nelson M. Polite Sr. has served the cause of civil rights, marching in the summer of 1963 with protesters at the segregated Rocky Springs Park pool and in front of downtown Lancaster stores, where he called for equal job opportunities and carried a sign which urged "Democracy for Everyone."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Lancaster designates June 7, 2015 as Nelson M. Polite, Sr. day in the City of Lancaster in recognition of his achievements and as a celebration of the example he has set for generations.

J. Richard Gray, Mayor

John E. Graupera, President of Council

Attest:

Bernard W. Harris Jr., City Clerk