



# Allegheny County Council

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## Legislation Text

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Title...

Proclamation welcoming the Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education, Inc. to Allegheny County for their 44th annual conference from February 26 to March 1, 2014.

Body...

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education, Inc. (PBCOHE) is to provide programs and services which help ensure that the post-secondary educational needs and aspirations of African Americans are met, and to work in concert with members of other underrepresented groups in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, the late Honorable K. Leroy Irvis, Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania convened a conference of Black pillars within the arena of higher education to address the needs of African American students, faculty, staff, and administration; and

WHEREAS, at the first conference in 1971 the primary discussion included topics such as: community college education and its affordability and quality, developing a student loan program, and establishing an organization that would have as its primary goal the advancement of African Americans; and

WHEREAS, the 44th Annual PBCOHE Conference will be held from Wednesday, February 26, 2014 to Saturday March 1, 2014 at the Doubletree Hotel Pittsburgh/Monroeville Convention Center. The 2014 conference theme is "Campus Climate: Cultural Identity-Evolution or Digression?;"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Allegheny County Council does hereby welcome and thank the Pennsylvania Black Conference On Higher Education for hosting their annual conference in Allegheny County, and we recognize and commend the organization for its many dedicated years of excellence, contributing to efforts in the Commonwealth by promoting academic achievement within the African American community, and for continuing to realize goals established from its inception.