

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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THOMAS PAINE DAY

in Philadelphia and ask citizens to join in this celebration by honoring his memory with special events, parades, rallies and thoughtful recognition. All citizens are encouraged to learn more about this great historical figure.



Edward G. Rendell
Mayor

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Philadelphia, this eighth day of June, one thousand, nine hundred and ninety-nine.

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