The Philadelphia Region flourishes with the diverse cultural experiences, traditions, and values contributed by citizens who have come to call our City home from points across the globe. These residents enrich our neighborhoods and enhance our knowledge of world heritage. One of our area’s most valued populations is the Bangladeshi community.

Throughout the Delaware Valley, Bangladeshi Americans play significant roles in politics, business, academia, and education, as well as take distinguishing roles in international trade, diplomacy, and in the development of technology.

The Bangladesh Association of the Delaware Valley (BADV) has served as a unifying voice and advocate for the Bangladeshi community, providing a resource for the exchange of ideas and the sharing of core values that contribute to the economic, cultural, and social development of Bangladeshi Americans. BADV is a non-profit organization established in 1971 to educate the younger generation about the rich history, culture, and diversity of their Bangladeshi ancestry and raise awareness of the Bangladeshi-American community throughout the region. The organization was the first Bangladeshi organization in the United States and is now led by current President Dr. Ibrul Chowdhury.

On April 16, 2016, the Bangladeshi community observes the Bangla New Year. This year is celebrated as the Bangla year 1423 with the celebration of Nobobosho, the first day of the Bangla calendar in the Bangla language.

THEREFORE...

I, James F. Kenney, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 16, 2016 to be

BANGLA NEW YEAR

in Philadelphia, and urge all citizens to be aware of the many contributions of Bangladeshi-American citizens and commend the Bangladesh Association of the Delaware Valley for its support of the Bangladeshi community of our region.

James F. Kenney
Mayor

Given under my hand and the seal of the City of Philadelphia on this sixteenth day of April, two thousand and sixteen