

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
MICHAEL A. NUTTER, MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

Philadelphia is the historic home of free-thinking individuals who have changed the way the world looks at the exploration and development of science, politics, and finance, among other areas of social and economic growth.

Henry George, a native Philadelphian, was born 174 years ago in a rowhouse located at 413 South 10th Street. This house is now the site of the Henry George Birthplace and School of Social Science and Museum. The product of a humble upbringing, this self-made man became a world famous writer and lecturer on theories of economic inequality. His best known writing, *Progress and Poverty*, was published in 1879 and chronicled his thoughts and theories regarding the gap between wealth and poverty in New York. Although *Progress and Poverty* is considered his masterpiece, he wrote more than a half-dozen books covering social issues, labor, free trade, and political influences on world economies.

His progressive theories on attaining economic democracy focused on property assessment and public land policy that shifted property taxes to land values. In 1998, Pennsylvania passed reform legislation based on his two-tier property tax rate system. Henry George was a champion of the economically disadvantaged and influenced innovative, productive tax solutions that continue to be part of our modern day tax structure more than 130 years after the publication of *Progress and Poverty*.


On September 2, 2013, the Henry George Birthplace School of Social Science and Museum will observe the 174th birthday of this outspoken icon of economic parity and fairness.

THEREFORE...

I, Michael A. Nutter, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia do hereby proclaim Monday, September 2, 2013 to be

HENRY GEORGE DAY

in Philadelphia and urge all citizens to be aware of the lasting and profound impact that Henry George has had in challenging the citizens of Philadelphia, the Nation, and the world to "feel the possibility of a higher social state and strive for its attainment."


Michael A. Nutter
Mayor

Given under my hand and the seal of the City of Philadelphia on this second day of September, two thousand and thirteen

