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Recognizing October as Parent and Family Appreciation Month

WHEREAS, According to the National Committee for Citizens in Education, students with families who are involved in their school have fewer behavioral problems and better academic performance and are more likely to complete secondary school than students whose families are not involved in their school; and

WHEREAS, Research continues to show that parents get involved in their children's education for a variety of reasons, but they do so especially when schools reach out to them and invite their participation; and

WHEREAS, Parents are the first and most influential teachers of their children and most often have high hopes and dreams for their children's future; and

WHEREAS, The most accurate predictor of student achievement in school is the extent to which their families are able to create a home environment that encourages learning and advocates for their children's achievement in both school and the community; and

WHEREAS, The importance of parent and family engagement in education requires not only recognition, but a firm commitment to The School District of Philadelphia, its students and families; and

WHEREAS, Parent Power, The Educational Advocates Reaching Today's Hardworking Students, Inc., the Philadelphia branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Women's Christian Alliance has scheduled a month of activities to show appreciation for parents and their contributions as members of school-based and District teams; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That Council does hereby recognize October 2014 as Parent and Family Appreciation Month in Philadelphia.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Parent Power, The School

District of Philadelphia, and the Women's Christian Alliance as evidence of the sincere sentiments of this legislative body.