

Legislation Text

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Honoring and recognizing City Year Greater Philadelphia for its 20 years of service to the City of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, City Year's national organization was founded in 1988 by Michael Brown and Alan Khazei, while the two were roommates at Harvard Law School. Founded with a dedication to serving the broader community, City Year quickly spread to the City of Brotherly Love and Sisterly Affection, with the establishment of City Year Greater Philadelphia in 1997; and

WHEREAS, In the 20 years since its founding, City Year Greater Philadelphia's team members and staff have worked tirelessly to improve educational outcomes for at-risk students across the City. City Year's data-driven program aims to identify students who may be at risk of dropping out of school and, through targeted mentoring, to encourage these students to continue with their education; and

WHEREAS, During their 20 years in Philadelphia, City Year has deployed over 3,400 team members who have touched the lives of more than 150,000 Philadelphia students. Today, City Year deploys 205 motivated young people in 14 public and charter schools across the City of Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the importance of education in the lives of young people, and understanding that educational attainment can be impacted by a variety of factors, both inside and outside of school, City Year's holistic mentoring program has been instrumental in helping students across the City of Philadelphia better achieve their potential; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby honors and recognizes City Year of Greater Philadelphia for its 20 years of service to the City of Philadelphia.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed Copy of this resolution be presented to City Year of Greater Philadelphia as evidence of its esteem and appreciation.