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To Recognize and Declare February 6-10, 2017 as “Start With Hello” Week in the City of Columbus

WHEREAS, Start With Hello teaches children and teens how to **be** more socially inclusive and connected to one another; and

WHEREAS, young people who are isolated can fall victim to bullying, violence and/or depression, causing them to pull away from society, struggle with learning and developing and possibly choose to hurt themselves or others; and

WHEREAS, the goal of Start With Hello Week is to foster long-term connectedness and greater inclusion within entire schools, communities, and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Start With Hello is one of Sandy Hook Promise’s four Know the Signs programs, along with Say Something, Safety Assessment and Intervention, and Mental Health First Aid; and

WHEREAS, in the State of Ohio, ~~nearly~~ 300 schools and youth organizations have signed up to bring Start With Hello to their classrooms or communities during this week; and

WHEREAS, 32 elementary schools, 14 middle schools and 5 high schools in the City of Columbus have signed up to participate in Start With Hello Week 2017 to promote inclusiveness and create a sense of culture and community in their schools; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council does hereby declare February 6-10, 2017 Start With Hello Week in Columbus and commend Sandy Hook Promise for the work they do to

make our communities safer.