



Legislation Text

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The Department of Human Resources has been hosting the City's Black History Month Celebration for several years. The 2014 Celebration is scheduled for February 1, 2014 at the Lincoln Theater. This years' program will include Marian Wright Edelman of the Children's Defense Fund. Mrs. Edelman has been an advocate for disadvantaged Americans for her entire professional life. Under her leadership, CDF has become the nation's strongest voice for children and families. The Children's Defense Fund's Leave No Child Behind® mission is to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start, and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities.

Mrs. Edelman, a graduate of Spelman College and Yale Law School, began her career in the mid-60s when, as the first black woman admitted to the Mississippi Bar, she directed the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund office in Jackson, Mississippi. In 1968, she moved to Washington, D.C., as counsel for the Poor People's Campaign that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. began organizing before his death. She founded the Washington Research Project, a public interest law firm and the parent body of the Children's Defense Fund. For two years she served as the Director of the Center for Law and Education at Harvard University and in 1973 began CDF.

Mrs. Edelman will be speaking about the importance of praising the educational achievements of our youth, discerning and meeting their educational needs through sound educational principles and best practices for successful outcomes.

In October of this year, the Department of Human Resources entered into contract with Policy Works to provide planning and consulting services, and to receive and disburse funds to support the 2014 Black History Month Celebration. The amount of this contract was \$19,500. Since entering into this contract, Policy Works has been able to secure the agreement with Mrs. Edelman on behalf of the City of Columbus. However, Mrs. Edelman's fees will exceed the original budget for this portion of the program. The Department wishes to modify the existing contract with Policy Works, LLC to allow for Mrs. Edelman's participation in the program. The modification will add \$5,000 to the contract, for a total contract amount of \$24,500.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Human Resources to modify an existing contract with Policy Works, LLC for the purpose of providing planning and consulting services for the City of Columbus 2014 Black History Month Celebration; to authorize the expenditure of an additional \$5,000.00 for a total of \$24,500.00 from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$5,000.00)

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus is currently in contract with Policy Works, LLC for the purpose of providing planning and consulting services for the City of Columbus 2014 Black History Month Celebration; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of City of Columbus and its employees to modify the contract to allow for the participation of Mrs. Marian Wright Edelman; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City in that it is immediately necessary to modify an existing contract the United Way of Central Ohio in order to provide the coordination services for the City of Columbus 2013 Combined Charitable Campaign, thereby preserving the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare;. Now therefore;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Director of the Department of Human Resources is authorized and directed to modify an existing contract with Policy Works, LLC for the purpose of providing planning and consulting services for the City of Columbus 2014 Black History Month Celebration.

SECTION 2. That for the purpose cited in Section 1 of this ordinance, the expenditure of an additional \$5,000, for a total contact amount of \$24,500, or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby authorized to be expended from the General Fund as follows:

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SECTION 3. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves or vetoes the same.