



Legislation Text

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To commemorate the 20th anniversary of City Year Columbus and to recognize the impact that the corps members have made to the schools and communities in Columbus

WHEREAS, City Year Columbus, founded in 1994, has provided more than one million hours of service, impacted more than 75,000 students; encouraged nearly 10,000 volunteers to give back to Columbus, and deployed more than 600 corps members into the community; and

WHEREAS, City Year's mission is to build democracy through citizen service, civic leadership and social entrepreneurship. As an education-focused nonprofit organization, City Year partners with public schools to provide targeted interventions for students at risk of dropping out; and

WHEREAS, City Year unites idealistic young adults between the ages of 17-24 from diverse ethnic, educational and socio-economic backgrounds to engage in a year of full-time service, leadership development and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, City Year Columbus corps members serve as tutors, mentors, and role models to youth who attend urban schools in high-poverty areas, thus making a difference in the lives of underserved children, and encouraging students to stay in school and on track to graduate; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, a talented team of 41 City Year corps members served in four schools in Columbus: Linden McKinley STEM Academy, Mifflin High School, South High School, and Weinland Park Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, City Year Columbus works in conjunction with the national City Year organization which does work in twenty-six cities across the United States and has international affiliates in England and South Africa that engage in civic leadership and social entrepreneurship through participation in various advocacy programs; and

WHEREAS, Upon this anniversary, we applaud City Year Columbus on the impact the organization has made on our communities through the exemplary efforts of the dedicated corps members who through their service, have improved the quality of life for those living in our city, Now therefore;

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

That this Council does hereby commemorate the 20th anniversary of City Year Columbus.