



Legislation Text

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To Recognize and Celebrate the Highland Youth Garden on their Tenth Anniversary

WHEREAS, The Highland Youth Garden is a community garden spanning nearly half an acre in the Hilltop area; and

WHEREAS, The Highland Youth Garden was founded in 2009 after two recreation centers closed in the Hilltop community and caring individuals began working with local schools and youth centers to plan positive, garden-based activities for children and youth with the mission of enhancing the Hilltop community through growing food and educating neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, with the commitment of many volunteers of all ages and a valuable partnership with the Franklin County Master Gardeners Volunteers, the Highland Youth Garden grew to become the thriving organization it is today, hosting interdisciplinary, hands-on garden classes and programming; and

WHEREAS, Since 2009, the garden has served approximately 500 students from Highland Elementary and the Columbus Bi-Lingual Academy during the school year, and 200 people every week during the summer months, providing food, as well as opportunities for young people to participate in the Westgate Farmer's Market; and

WHEREAS, in addition to their educational programming, they also host monthly celebrations to provide healthy, garden-inspired meals for children and neighbors to gather as a community; now, therefore

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

That this Council does hereby recognize and celebrate the Highland Youth Garden on their tenth anniversary and thank them for their contributions to the Hilltop community and to the City of Columbus.