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To recognize and celebrate the Highland Youth Garden on being named the inaugural March 2019 Local Food Action Plan Local Food Champion Winner by the Columbus and Franklin County Local Food Board and the Franklin County Local Food Council

**WHEREAS**, The Local Food Champion's work embodies one or each of the goals outlined in the Columbus & Franklin County Local Food Action Plan which Goals A, B, C, and D include: enhancing the coordination and communication among existing food resources and agencies; improving access to and education about healthy food, affordable food and local food; increasing the role of food in economic development; and preventing food-related waste; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbus and the Franklin County Local Food Board was established to oversee, prioritize and guide implementation activities of the Columbus & Franklin County Local Food Action Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin County Local Food Council (FCLFC) is an independent advisory council that brings together people from across the food system, from growers to eaters, with a particular interest in people and neighborhoods most affected by food system policies and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Food Champion Award was created to recognize and celebrate grass roots community efforts to create a food system benefiting ALL; and

**WHEREAS**, The Highland Youth Garden is a community garden spanning nearly half an acre in the Hilltop area - created in 2009 the garden is celebrating 10 years of exceptional educational gardening in the Hilltop community; and

**WHEREAS**, The Highland Youth Garden offers monthly Harvest Gatherings giving community members, volunteers and sponsors an opportunity to harvest produce and celebrate with a meal - they also improve access to and education about healthy and local food; and

**WHEREAS**, The Highland Youth Garden's positive, garden-based activities for children and youth enhance the Hilltop community through the growing of food and the education of its neighbors; and

**WHEREAS**, The Highland Youth Garden also serves students from Highland Elementary and the Columbus Bi-Lingual Academy during the school year and during the summer provides food and opportunities for young people to participate in the Westgate Farmer's Market; and

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus and Franklin County Local Food Board and the Franklin County Local Food Council has announced The Highland Youth Garden as its inaugural winner of the Local Food Champion Award; 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 being named the inaugural March 2019 Local Food Action Plan Local Food Champion Winner by the Columbus and Franklin County Local Food Board and the Franklin County Local Food Council.