



Legislation Text

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To recognize and celebrate Mr. Tim ~~McDermitt~~ **McDermott** on being selected as the June 2019 Local Food Action Plan Local Food Champion 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 which 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 recognizes and celebrates grassroots community efforts that support the Columbus & Franklin County Local Food Action Plan's vision of a fair and sustainable food system that benefits our local economy, the environment, and each of the residents in our community; and

WHEREAS, The City of Columbus & Franklin County Local Food Board and the Franklin County Local Food Council recognized Mr. Timothy McDermott as the winner of the June 2019 Local Food Champion Award as his work embodies the goals outlined in the Local Food Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, The local Food Champion Award recognizes and celebrates grassroots community efforts that support the Columbus & Franklin County Local Food Action Plan's vision of a fair and sustainable food system that benefits our local economy, the environment, and each of the residents of this community; and

WHEREAS, Timothy McDermott joined the Ohio State University Extension in the fall of 2015 after a twenty plus year career practicing veterinary medicine and surgery in Franklin County; he serves as the educational lead with the Buckeye ISA project which assists family oriented farmers with growing food to support their food security needs; and he has developed a school gardening curriculum to support and develop community workforce needs by teaching students about STEM-based agricultural techniques in Columbus City Elementary Schools - these schools are affiliated with the Columbus City Schools Linden feeder pattern which supports students from elementary through high school - this also provides support to other Franklin County school districts through impactful programming tailored to family, community, and neighborhoods - Tim uses a situational style, meeting individually or with groups to develop a personalized needs assessment to address challenges on both the micro and macro levels; and

WHEREAS, Tim's ability to leverage existing partnerships, to create friendships, develop new resources,

innovative programming, patience, and willingness to listen and learn, has cultivated a network of producers, including people from disadvantaged communities, and laid a foundation of success that can be replicated - his curriculums help families and groups with sustainable food; 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; the Franklin County Local Food Council (FCLFC) is an independent advisory council that brings together people from across the food system, from those who grow food to those who eat it, focusing on people and neighborhoods most affected by food system policies and programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus & Franklin County Local Food Board and the Franklin County Local Food Council recognized Mr. Timothy McDermott as the winner of the June 2019 Local Food Champion Award as his work embodies the goals outlined in the Local Food Action Plan: 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, Tim's achievements were honored during a special ceremony at the Franklin County Local Food Council meeting on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at Columbus Public Health, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council does hereby recognize and celebrate Mr. Tim ~~McDermitt~~ **McDermott** on being selected as the June 2019 Local Food Action Plan Local Food Champion by the Columbus and Franklin County Local Food Board and the Franklin County Local Food Council.