



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the period of early adolescence (ages 10-15) is a distinct, developmental period between childhood and full adolescence; and

WHEREAS, this period has been little understood nor its importance recognized; and

WHEREAS, youth between the ages of approximately 10-15 undergo more extensive physical, mental, social, moral, and emotional changes, with the possible exception of infancy, than at any other time of life; and

WHEREAS, the attitudes and values young adolescents develop during these formative years largely determine their later behavior; and

WHEREAS, parents continue as primary models and guides, even as young adolescents give increased attention to the peer group; and

WHEREAS, the community itself is also a “classroom” in which young adolescents learn many lessons; and

WHEREAS, much valuable information and research about this important age group now exists and should be circulated;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that October be declared the Month of the Young Adolescent

in _____ and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all those in _____

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join the celebration by extending their knowledge about these critical years and undertaking actions that will support the healthy development of young adolescents.

Signature