

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION recognizing Thursday, April 24, 2014, as Take Our Daughters And Sons To Work Day

WHEREAS, Educational programs designed to promote career exploration and enhance the self-worth of the youth in our communities are deserving of the highest praise and recognition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize Thursday, April 24, 2014, as Take Our Daughters And Sons To Work Day; this year's theme is "Plant a Seed, Grow a Future"; and

WHEREAS, Take Our Daughters And Sons To Work Day, which occurs on the fourth Thursday of April every year, is an educational program in the United States and Canada that revolves around parents taking their children to work for one day; and

WHEREAS, Founded in New York City by Gloria Steinem and the Ms. Foundation for Women in 1993, the Take Our Daughters To Work program was created as a response to research that showed that, by the eighth grade, many girls were dropping out of school, had low self esteem, and lacked confidence; and

WHEREAS, Take Our Daughters And Sons To Work Day is the successor to Take Our Daughters To Work Day, which, in 2003, was expanded to include sons so that boys who also faced many of the same challenges as girls could be involved in the program; and

WHEREAS, The mission of Take Our Daughters And Sons To Work Day is to develop innovative strategies that assist in helping girls and boys to overcome societal barriers to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Take Our Daughters And Sons To Work Day helps our youth learn about career opportunities and life options in a positive way; in addition, it encourages our youth to have an active imagination, to set goals, and to take more control of their future; and

WHEREAS, This year, Take Our Daughters And Sons To Work Foundation reflects on its 21 years of experience, education and empowering youth of America; since its inception, the spirit of those first involved in its creation has been with its organizers and participants alike in their tireless work to envision creative and groundbreaking ways to engage the youth of America in the realization of their hopes and dreams; and

WHEREAS, "Plant a Seed, Grow a Future" is a celebration of the renewed success of the program year after year, and suggests that an even bigger and brighter future is ahead for all our nation's daughters and sons; and

WHEREAS, It reminds our youth to be brave as they dream seemingly impossible dreams, explore new challenges, and attain the success they have always hoped for in education, work, home, and in their communities; and

WHEREAS, The 21st Anniversary celebrates the unique contributions of the Take Our Daughters And Sons To Work Day program offered to our youth and the American workforce for the past 21 years; suggests working together encouraging youth to create new pathways towards opportunity and success through participation in Take Our Daughters And Sons To Work; provides an opportunity not only to reflect on such a landmark achievement, but also to use that reflection as a stepping stone to continue the important work of education and empowering the youth of America; and invites workplaces to share their experiences, both in the importance of education and what it takes to empower others to reach their potential; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge significant days that are set aside to strengthen the connection between education and work and relationships between parents and their children;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize Thursday, April 24, 2014, as Take Our Daughters And Sons To Work Day; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Take Our Daughters And Sons To Work Foundation.