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Title: Declaration of November 13, 2014, as "Alternative Schools Network Day" in Chicago
Committee(s) Assignment:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Alternative Schools Network (ASN) was founded in 1973 when a group of dedicated education and community leaders combined their resources with the simple goal to create effective and innovative community-operated programs to re-engage, inspire and empower young men and women; and to become a vehicle for resource development, joint programming, and advocacy on behalf of out-of-school youth and low skilled adults; and

WHEREAS, today Alternative Schools Network is a membership-based organization composed of thirty-three not-for-profit, independent and self-governing alternative schools, as well as youth and adult education organizations; and continues to be the largest and oldest formal network of community-based alternative schools in the country; and

WHEREAS, every year in the city of Chicago, thousands of youth between the ages of 16 and 21 find their personal circumstances too insurmountable to overcome and remain in school; and

WHEREAS, Alternative Schools Network believes that every youth is not only entitled to an education, but also the necessary support services to help them succeed at high school graduation, transition into the workforce and society; and

WHEREAS, for forty years Alternative Schools Network has engaged youth through innovative curriculum and programming, more personalized academic attention, tutoring, mentoring, pivotal social-emotional support, after-school and extracurricular activities that open doors to a lifetime of opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Alternative Schools Network, its member programs and organizations, engage more than thirty-five hundred underserved Chicago youth each year in successful educational, employment and supportive services programs; and

WHEREAS, Alternative Schools Network's transformative services have increased marginalized youth graduation rates, decreased youth's exposure to violence and prison, and helped to ensure a strong future workforce by developing skills for youth to be productive and empowered citizens; and

WHEREAS, Executive Director, Jack Wuest, and the Alternative Schools Network have worked tirelessly to effectively change the lives and outcomes of dropout students, and have positively impacted Chicago communities through cost-savings, increased safety, and future leadership development; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this eighth day of October, 2014, do hereby proclaim November 13, 2014 as ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS NETWORK DAY in the City Of Chicago, and congratulate Alternative Schools Network on this milestone 40th Anniversary celebration and their many contributions to the citizens of Chicago.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to Alternative Schools Network.

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