

A RESOLUTION
2003--12-13

DECLARING CITY OF SAN ANTONIO'S SUPPORT AND AFFIRMATION OF HEAD START, A NATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, AS IT IS CURRENTLY OPERATED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

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WHEREAS, studies have shown that children who participate in current Head Start programs enter school more ready to learn and have a greater chance of academic success; and

WHEREAS, the current Head Start program provides a wide range of education and social services to impoverished pre-school children ranging from three to five years of age and their families; including: educational, health, mental health, nutritional and disability services as well as parent involvement activities provided at 84 child development centers throughout San Antonio and Bexar County; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio is the Head Start grantee for San Antonio and Bexar County; and

WHEREAS, the City presently subcontracts with Parent/Child, Incorporated to operate the Head Start Program; and

WHEREAS, the City has made extraordinary progress in coordinating a comprehensive early childhood care and education network, incorporating Head Start, the Child Care Delivery System (CCDS), and public pre-kindergarten; through its support of quality initiatives, enhancements and improvements that strengthen families participating in said programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio is committed to increasing and sustaining quality early childhood development opportunities, while bridging quality care and education to workforce development thus improving outcomes for children and families; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has unveiled a plan to transfer Head Start to the U.S. Department of Education and devolve the program to the states; and

WHEREAS, the states would mandate that Independent School Districts provide Head Start Services; and

WHEREAS, the President's plan would add further burdens to the state and already struggling school districts by forcing them to provide services to a new and different population; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary for the City to reaffirm its vested interests and solidify the mission of integrating community-wide family strengthening and human development strategy that promotes early childhood development, youth development, a highly skilled workforce, and a safety net of services to build the community's human capital; **NOW THEREFORE:**

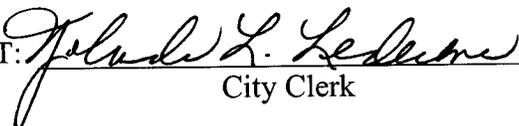
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

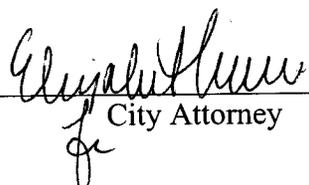
SECTION 1. The City of San Antonio hereby endorses Head Start, a national comprehensive child development program as it is currently operated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall be effective on and after the tenth (10th) day after passage

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27TH day of March 2003.


M A Y O R
EDWARD D. GARZA

ATTEST: 
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: 
City Attorney