



# Resolution

of the City Council

## Recognizing Godparents Youth Organization Travel Mentoring for Youth

**WHEREAS**, Godparents Youth Organization (GYO), organized in 2005, was established under the leadership of Tanya Walters who dedicated time and energy to make a difference in the lives of urban youth who frequently see little more than the troubled areas in which they live; and

**WHEREAS**, through the GYO a unique mentoring program has been created promoting self-respect and a desire to achieve in areas where the need is greatest; and

**WHEREAS**, using to a powerful combination of traveling experiences along with a series of supported programs, mentors, tutors and role models, GYO was established with the hope of opening a world of possibilities to urban youth providing them with the necessary building blocks for a successful future; and

**WHEREAS**, the need for disadvantaged youth to build relationships that communicate high expectations is tantamount to avoiding the intellectual challenges and that is sometimes the result of the loss of social supports at school, within their communities, and their peers; and

**WHEREAS**, GYO uses an integrated approach to introducing and teaching urban youth how to model themselves as responsible, social, individuals who will be certain to participate in celebrating their diversity, raising cultural awareness, and stimulating personal growth while connecting the youth of today to tomorrow's opportunities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Sacramento, that we do hereby recognize Godparents Youth Organization and do hereby urge our citizens to give the youth of our communities support in this vital area of mentoring to improve their quality of life.

**ISSUED:** This 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of April 2007.

  
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