



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution recognizing the 15th Anniversary of Southern Word.

WHEREAS, Southern Word was founded in 2008 by educators, youth development professionals, writers, and poets to create spoken word youth development and education strategies; and

WHEREAS, since then, Southern Word has grown to a national, non-profit leader in the spoken word education field, serving more than 7,500 youth, 40 schools, and 8 Tennessee counties each year; and

WHEREAS, Southern Word seeks to offer creative solutions for youth to build literacy and presentation skills, reconnect to their education and lives, and act as leaders in the improvement of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Southern Word assist youth, especially in under-served communities, with opportunities to develop and publicly present their voices both live and in print, video, audio and digital media; and

WHEREAS, for the past 15 years, Southern Word has been a Tennessee vanguard for youth voice, literacy, cross cultural conversation, educational innovation, youth civic engagement, diversity, equity, inclusion, and youth mental health; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Metropolitan Council recognize Southern Word for 15 years of serving the youth of Nashville and Davidson County through the spoken word.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The Metropolitan County Council hereby goes on record as recognizing the 15th Anniversary of Southern Word.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.