



Proclamation

National Mentoring Month – January, 2015

WHEREAS, mentors support our next generation to shape their ambitions, set a positive course, and achieve their boundless potential. During National Mentoring Month, we celebrate everyone who teaches, inspires, and guides our children and young people as they reach for their potential; and

WHEREAS, mentors offer valuable encouragement, motivation and hope for our children and youth by providing a consistent adult friend and role model; and

WHEREAS, 22% of 9th graders (on average) in our community report that they do not have a caring and trusted adult outside of their home and school; equivalent to more than 1,350 9th grade students. Students who do not have a caring adult outside of home/school are almost twice as likely to drink alcohol, 87% more to use marijuana, 71% more likely to be truant, and four times as likely to belong to a gang; and

WHEREAS, mentored children and youth also exhibit improved self-esteem, better relationships, and feel greater connectedness to their community and schools; and

WHEREAS, partnerships between businesses, schools and other youth service organizations, and mentoring programs are an effective way for businesses to support children and youth within the community as mentoring is a proven cost-effective investment: for every \$1 invested in mentoring, there is a \$3 return to society; and

WHEREAS, collaborative mentoring programs that are supported by the entire community are more visible and therefore able to serve more children and youth; and

WHEREAS, our public and private organizations throughout our community are committed to working collaboratively to increase the number of quality mentoring matches.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Richard N. McLean, Mayor of the City of Brighton, Colorado, on behalf of City Council, proclaims that our community will stand with the nation and state in recognizing January as “National Mentoring Month.” We hereby commit to supporting more children and young people to have access to quality mentors and caring adults in our community.

Dated this 20th day of January, 2015

City of Brighton



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