

RESOLUTION NO. 120632

Declaring July 17, 2012 as a “Drop Everything And Read” day in Kansas City, Missouri.

WHEREAS, the Kansas City Freedom Schools Initiative, an alternative, literacy-based summer program, in partnership with the National Children’s Defense Fund is celebrating 18 years of providing reading, literacy, leadership and cultural enrichment, for Kansas City area children through its nationally-recognized, six-week program; and

WHEREAS, to highlight the program’s emphasis on the importance of “reading” and building a solid foundation for life-long learning, the Kansas City Freedom Schools are calling on the community to join this year’s 900 Freedom School scholars on Tuesday, July 17, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. for a ten-minute “Drop Everything And Read” (D.E.A.R.) period; and

WHEREAS, to observe the Freedom School’s “Drop Everything and Read” daily mantra, we are asking the Kansas City community to take a 10-minute break from their morning activities on July 17th to read a book, a magazine, a newspaper, an on-line article – any type of reading material and to share their experience with the public via print media, social media or whatever their choice; and

WHEREAS, Freedom School are partnering with the Carter Broadcast Group, owner of radio Stations KPRS Hot 103 JAMZ and KPRT Gospel 1590 to encourage community participation in the July 17th “Drop Everything and Read Campaign; and

WHEREAS, KPRS morning show host Julee Jonez will join 900 youth scholars on Friday, July 13, 2012, 9 am to 12 noon at Harvest Church Freedom school; and, 4300 N. Corrington Ave,

WHEREAS, part of the Freedom School’s mission is to empower parents, children, young adults and our community as a whole around the theme “I Can Make A Difference” in myself, my family, my community, my country, and my world;" NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY

That the Mayor and Council hereby declare July 17, 2012 as a “Drop Everything And Read” day in Kansas City, Missouri; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof and that a copy hereof be presented to Dwayne Crompton and Rev. Darren Faulkner with the appreciation of the Mayor, Council and citizens of Kansas City for making a difference in the lives of our children and this community.
