

Borough of Mechanicsburg Proclamation

WHEREAS, the period of early adolescence (ages 10-15) is a distinct, developmental period between childhood and full adolescence; and

WHEREAS, this period has been little understood nor its importance recognized; and

WHEREAS, youth between the ages of approximately 10-15 year olds undergo more extensive physical, mental, social, moral, and emotional changes, with the possible exception of infancy, than any other time of life; and

WHEREAS, the attitudes and values young adolescents develop during these formative years largely determine their later behavior; and

WHEREAS, parents continue as primary models and guides, even as young adolescents give increased attention to peer group; and

WHEREAS, the community itself is also a "classroom" in which young adolescents learn many lessons; and

WHEREAS, much valuable information and research about this important age group now exists and should be circulated;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that October be declared the Month of the Young Adolescent in Mechanicsburg Area School District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all those in the Mechanicsburg Learning Community join in the celebration by extending their knowledge about these critical years and undertaking actions that will support the healthy development of young adolescents and that this Proclamation be delivered to the Mechanicsburg Middle School with hearty congratulations from the Borough of Mechanicsburg for a continuing job well done.



Jack C. Ritter - Mayor

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