

RESOLUTION

NO. 18-21

A RESOLUTION  
TO BE ENTITLED:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF TRUTH FOR YOUTH, INC. AND COMMENDING REVEREND JOHN POWELL FOR HIS LEADERSHIP, WORK AND INVOLVEMENT IN PROVIDING QUALITY YOUTH ACTIVITIES FOR AT RISK, INNER-CITY YOUTH AND IN ESTABLISHING THE BELMONT CULTURAL CENTER

WHEREAS, Truth for Youth provides educational, cultural and social programs for at-risk inner-city youth ages 6 – 16 residing in low-income, underserved communities which have high levels of poverty, unemployment, and high school dropout rates in Pensacola, Escambia County and Santa Rosa County; and

WHEREAS, the Truth for Youth mission was expanded to establish the Belmont Cultural Center to provide cultural arts education and programming to diverse audiences through community outreach services to actively advocate, promote and support cultural artists and organize cultural activities in the Belmont-DeVilliers neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, as visionary and founder of Truth for Youth, Inc., Reverend John Powell has provided quality youth activities and programs that address the prevention, intervention and reduction of youth crime, violence, delinquency, gang activity, drug and alcohol abuse, child neglect, teen pregnancy and literacy in efforts to promote civic responsibility, positive interaction with peers and authority figures, and conflict resolution; and

WHEREAS, these programs provide healthy and creative opportunities for education, social exchange and personal development through exciting hands-on activities supervised by caring volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Reverend John Powell has directly touched and been an inspiration in mentoring, educating, teaching and nurturing the physical, emotional, intellectual, social and spiritual well-being of these at-risk youth for the past 25 years;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That the City Council of the City of Pensacola does hereby recognize and commend

**REVEREND JOHN POWELL**

for his leadership and development of Truth for Youth, Inc. to promote moral and civic responsibility and provide reinforcement, guidance and a positive foundation to young people.

Section 2. That a copy of this Resolution be presented to Reverend John Powell with the admiration, respect and deep appreciation of the Pensacola City Council.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective on the fifth business day after adoption, unless otherwise provided pursuant to Section 4.03(d) of the City Charter of the City of Pensacola.

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

President of City Council

Attest:

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City Clerk