



# City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street  
Pensacola, FL 32502

## Memorandum

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**File #:** 18-21

City Council

6/14/2018

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### **LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM**

**SPONSOR:** City Council Member Jewel Cannada-Wynn

**SUBJECT:**

RESOLUTION NO. 18-21 - RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF TRUTH FOR YOUTH, INC. AND COMMENDING REVEREND JOHN POWELL.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That City Council adopt Resolution No. 18-21.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE 25TH 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

**HEARING REQUIRED:** No Hearing Required

**SUMMARY:**

2018 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Truth for Youth, Inc, established by Reverend John Powell.

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 and Santa Rosa County's.

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

Reverend John Powell has proven to be a visionary, founding Truth for Youth, Inc to provide 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 an effort to promote civic responsibility, positive interaction with peers and authority figures and promote conflict resolution skills.

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

**PRIOR ACTION:**

None

**FUNDING:**

N/A

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

None

**STAFF CONTACT:**

Don Kraher, Council Executive

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1) Resolution No. 18-21

**PRESENTATION:** No