

Mayor's Proclamation

City of Canton, Ohio

CELEBRATING NATIONAL YOUTHBUILD DAY

WHEREAS, it is with great honor that the City of Canton will recognize the third of April as the inaugural National YouthBuild Day. Project REBUILD, a cherished organization within the community, has been a proud YouthBuild USA Affiliate since 2001; and

WHEREAS, upon their founding in 1999, Project REBUILD has helped over 500 young people while rehabilitating over 100 units of housing. Project REBUILD has worked with numerous organizations over the years in order to not only strengthen and rebuild the community, but to strengthen the participants as well; and

WHEREAS, YouthBuild USA began changing lives in 1978 with the initiative of CEO Dorothy Stoneman. The project started out solely in East Harlem, and then grew rapidly acquiring offices in 20 major cities across the country. YouthBuild USA has gained the support of state and federal officials including Senators Ted Kennedy and John Kerry; and

WHEREAS, the *New York Times* described this incredible organization as a "wellspring of human reclamation." YouthBuild USA has also been recognized as one of America's 12 most impactful nonprofits in 2007. With the support of the organization and each other, the participants are positively rebuilding their community and their lives; as well as breaking the cycle of poverty; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, William J. Healy, II, Mayor of the City of Canton, Ohio, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Canton, Ohio, on this 3rd day of April, 2014, do hereby commend

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and urge all families and friends to join me in according this organization with the respect, honor and admiration YouthBuild USA and Project REBUILD truly deserve for their unwavering commitment and exemplary guidance in Canton.



WILLIAM J. HEALY II
MAYOR