

WHEREAS: The Mayor's FY 13 Preliminary Budget puts 47,000 children at risk of losing their child care and after-school programs; and

WHEREAS: This is the fifth straight year of cuts to both child care and after-school programs, and the newest cuts in the FY 13 Preliminary Budget, combined with the current Early Learn NYC and Out-of-School Time(OST) request for proposals, would mean that more than 90,000 children will be left without care since 2009; and

WHEREAS: Both child care and after-school programs provide children with critical educational opportunities that pave the way for future success, and kids who attend these programs do better in school, are more likely to graduate and have lower incidences of violence, drug-use and teen pregnancy; and

WHEREAS: Child care and after-school programs allow working parents to keep their jobs, and without access to these programs, working parents will be forced to make potentially unsafe arrangements for their children in order to keep their jobs; and

WHEREAS: Washington Heights - Inwood presently has 19 OST programs and 8 child care programs in the district serving approximately 2,500 early childhood, elementary and intermediate school students with year-round programming; and

WHEREAS: Washington Heights -Inwood potentially stands to lose about 13 of its current OST programs depending upon the results of the current request for proposals process; and

WHEREAS: Our local OST programs currently employ over 250 staff members, individuals who are mostly young adults who are supporting their way through college; and

WHEREAS: The currently funded 19 elementary school programs in the Community Board 12-Manhattan area also serve as Summer Youth Employment Program Worksites for approximately 400 teens and young adults, worksites that are now in jeopardy given the proposed budget cuts; and therefore, be it

RESOLVED: Community Board 12M endorses the Campaign for Children, a partnership of The Emergency Coalition to Save Child Care and the NYC Youth Alliance; and be it further

RESOLVED: Community Board 12-Manhattan calls upon Mayor Bloomberg to support the child care and after-school programs in his Executive Budget by restoring \$104 million to the Administration for Children's Services for child care and \$66 million to the Department of Youth and Community Development for after-school programs.