

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 – MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE:

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: YOUTH & EDUCATION

COMMITTEE VOTE:	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Recused
PUBLIC MEMBERS:	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Recused
BOARD VOTE:	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Recused

RE: Support for World Trade Center Pediatric Study Proposal “Childhood Exposures to Persistent Organic Pollutants in the World Trade Center Disaster and Cardiovascular Consequences”

WHEREAS: The James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act (the “Zadroga Act”) directs the World Trade Center Health Program to provide funding for research into the physical and mental health impacts of the WTC disaster on all exposed populations; and

WHEREAS: Community Board #1 (CB1) has passed resolutions supporting the Zadroga Act, calling for the creation of the WTC Pediatric Program as part of the WTC Health Program, and supporting research on the impact of the WTC disaster on the health of exposed children; and

WHEREAS: The WTC Health Program’s Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee on February 14, 2014 issued recommendations on WTC research priorities that included as high priorities research to assess health effects of WTC exposure on gestation and early life (childhood and adolescence) and to determine the usefulness of biomarkers for early detection of WTC-associated diseases; and,

WHEREAS: Although children are especially vulnerable to harm from environmental exposures, they have been the least studied exposed population, and therefore we still know very little about the health effects of the WTC disaster on the more than 30,000 children living or attending school or daycare in downtown; and,

WHEREAS: It has taken several years for WTCHP to fund the “Early Identification of World Trade Center Conditions in Adolescents,” a study that is now underway and will not only add to knowledge about post-9/11 respiratory, cardiovascular and metabolic health, but will provide doctors with new tools for early detection of WTC health problems in adolescents; and

WHEREAS: Biomarkers of WTC chemicals have never been assessed in the WTC exposed pediatric population; and

WHEREAS: Research into the association between biomarkers of persistent WTC chemicals and obesity and other cardiometabolic consequences would provide invaluable insight into WTC exposure-outcome relationships and suggest the need for further medical monitoring and treatment.

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 strongly urges WTCHP to fund ““Childhood Exposures to Persistent Organic Pollutants in the World Trade Center Disaster and Cardiovascular Consequences” immediately, as a crucial step toward addressing key knowledge gaps about the ways in 9/11 has harmed the physical health of downtown’s children, and aiding doctors in detecting and treating pediatric WTC health conditions, as provided for under the Zadroga Act, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: CB#1 calls upon WTCHP to make the health of those who experienced 9/11 as children a research priority by funding research to arrive at a full understanding of WTC pediatric health impacts and to inform an excellent standard of WTC care.