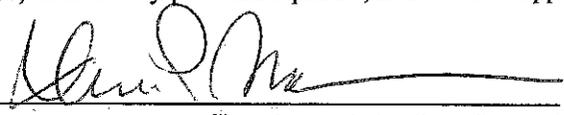


City of Boston
IN
CITY COUNCIL

**Resolution Of Councillor
Maureen Feeney**

- Whereas:** Opportunity To Serve, the Massachusetts Promise Fellowship's 2nd Annual Statewide Day of Service allows the participants of 5 service sites to acquire social skills as they engage in activities with persons from diverse backgrounds and neighborhoods, in addition to acquiring community building skills that will create active communities and serve as a stepping stone for initiated community projects in the days, months, and years following Opportunity To Serve; AND
- Whereas:** Opportunity To Serve is based on the 5 Promises as defined by the America's Promise Alliance and the Massachusetts Promise Fellowship -- a healthy start, a safe place, a caring adult, marketable skills, and an opportunity to serve -- and will take place in conjunction with Global Youth Service Day; AND
- Whereas:** The Opportunity To Serve Youth Board chose five locations as service sites for the day in Fall River, Brockton, Dorchester, Mission Hill and the South End based on applications submitted by youth based on needs identified by their peers including planting a community garden, cleaning a community center, and restoring a soccer field; AND
- Whereas:** Opportunity To Serve was planned by youth for youth proving that there is more to youth than the bad they hear about in the media, but that they care about their neighborhoods and want to make a better place for them, their families, and the community as a whole; AND
- Whereas:** Communities in Massachusetts have long been seen as separate, this gives not only the youth of the different communities the opportunity to come together but whole communities, closing the gap of differences between these communities and uniting for the sole purpose of making our communities more beautiful and safer for Massachusetts future; AND
- Whereas:** Service and opportunities for youth to apply their knowledge, idealism, energy, creativity, and unique perspectives and improve local communities by addressing critical issues such as poverty, hunger, illiteracy, education, natural disasters, climate change, and myriad others; AND
- Whereas:** A fundamental and conclusive correlation exists between youth service, character development, lifelong adult volunteering and philanthropy; and voting rates and other forms of civic engagement; THEREFORE BE IT
- Resolved:** That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, does hereby proclaim April 24, 2010 to be "Opportunity To Serve Day" within the City of Boston.

By: 
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Maureen Feeney
Date: April 24, 2010