



The City of Marion

Resolution

WHEREAS, the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) is a federally funded, competitive grant program designed to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education;

WHEREAS, GEAR UP serves low-income, minority, and disadvantaged students and their families from underserved communities who might be the first person in their family to go to college; and

WHEREAS, GEAR UP provides six- or seven-year grants to states or partnerships to deliver support and resources to students and their families, starting no later than the 7th grade (middle school), through high school and onward to fulfill their dreams of attaining a postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, GEAR UP includes interventions such as tutoring, mentoring, rigorous academic preparation, financial education and college scholarships to improve access to higher education for low income, minority, and disadvantaged first-generation students and their families; and

WHEREAS, GEAR UP is built around public-private partnerships, enlisting the formidable resources of government, business, and community groups to support low-income students as they prepare to enter and succeed in college; and

WHEREAS, GEAR UP at Marion City Schools is a partnership of the United Way of Marion County and The Ohio State University at Marion; and

WHEREAS, GEAR UP at Marion City Schools serves one thousand nine hundred sixty seven (1,967) students in grades seven through twelve; and

WHEREAS, the week of September 23, 2018 has been declared National GEAR UP Week; and

WHEREAS, Marion is committed to providing a quality education for all students, helping them to achieve their highest potential:

NOW, THEREFORE, we the City Council of Marion, Ohio do hereby recognize the week of September 23, 2018, as

National GEAR UP Week in the City of Marion and we urge all citizens to join us in this special observance.

Signed this _____ day of September, 2018
City Council, Marion