


HONORING JUST-A-START BIOMEDICAL CAREERS PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE AND THE MASSACHUSETTS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ENABLED THE ESTABLISHING OF THE CAMBRIDGE BIOMEDICAL CAREERS PROGRAM 20 YEARS AGO FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING A PATHWAY FOR EMPLOYMENT OF LOWER INCOME RESIDENTS INTO ENTRY LEVEL JOBS IN THIS INDUSTRY; AND

WHEREAS, AT THE REQUEST OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, JUST-A-START CORPORATION DEVELOPED AND HAS ADMINISTERED THIS PROGRAM FOR 20 YEARS, PROVIDING TRAINING, EDUCATION, AND JOB PLACEMENT OF RESIDENTS; AND

WHEREAS, BUNKER HILL COMMUNITY COLLEGE (BHCC) HAS BEEN AND CONTINUES TO BE A COPARTNER IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROGRAM, PROVIDING AN EXCELLENT LABORATORY FACILITY, CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW AND THE AWARDING OF 19 COLLEGE CREDITS FOR GRADUATES; AND

WHEREAS, THE U.S. DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, THE MASSACHUSETTS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE CAMBRIDGE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, THE CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, THE METRO NORTH REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT BOARD, BUNKER HILL COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND PRIVATE SECTOR AND CHARITABLE DONORS, INCLUDING CAMBRIDGE BIOTECH COMPANIES AND THE MASSACHUSETTS LIFE SCIENCES CENTER, HAVE PROVIDED FUNDING, IN-KIND RESOURCES AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROGRAM; AND

WHEREAS, THE CAMBRIDGE BIOMEDICAL CAREERS PROGRAM HAS PROVIDED CONTINUOUS VALUABLE SCIENCE EDUCATION, AND LABORATORY AND EMPLOYMENT RELATED TRAINING AND SERVICES SINCE 1992 AND FOR 496 ADULTS OF DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS AND EXPERIENCES WITH A PLACEMENT RATE OF 80\% INTO THE BIOTECHNOLOGY, RESEARCH AND HOSPITAL LABORATORY INDUSTRIES, PROVIDING EMPLOYMENT AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR CAREER ADVANCEMENT, AND IMPROVED EARNINGS AND BENEFITS; THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT THE MASSACHUSETTS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONGRATULATES JUST-A-START CORPORATION, BUNKER HILL COMMUNITY COLLEGE, THE CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, AND THE CAMBRIDGE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS ACHIEVED IN THE CAMBRIDGE BIOMEDICAL CAREERS PROGRAM AND EXTENDS ITS WISH FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ADDRESSING THESE NEEDS AND CONTINUING THESE EFFORTS TO PROVIDE SKILLED TECHNICIANS OF THE LABOR FORCE; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THESE RESOLUTIONS BE FORWARDED BY THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO JUST-A-START BIOMEDICAL CAREERS PROGRAM.


HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ADOPTED, APRIL 30, 2012.


