

Wilmington, Delaware  
June 21, 2018

**#4552**

**WHEREAS**, Cities of Service is a national nonprofit that supports a network of

**Sponsor:**

mayors and city leaders who are striving towards improving citizen engagement and

addressing challenges that face cities; and

**Council  
President  
Shabazz**

**WHEREAS**, over 235 cities have joined the coalition with the intent to connect with

**Co-Sponsors:**

citizens, nonprofits and corporations to improve communities; and

**Council  
Members  
Chukwuocha  
Harlee**

**WHEREAS**, cities that are part of the coalition receive access to technical assistance

and coaching, grant programs, site visits, a peer network, a resource library, national

exposure, connections to corporate partners and national nonprofits, a recruitment channel

and volunteer websites; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Wilmington currently has several projects and programs that would benefit from additional support that could be provided from joining the Cities of Service coalition, such as connecting with AmeriCorps programs; and

**WHEREAS**, AmeriCorps, a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service, engages with more than 80,000 people in voluntary public service work in sites including nonprofits, schools and public agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, by becoming involved with a coalition that supports community development and engagement, Wilmington can have access to more resources that will allow the City and its various programs to flourish and provide effective services to our residents and visitors.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON**, that Council supports the City in joining the Cities of Service coalition, and encourages the Administration to sign a Declaration of Service so that Wilmington can become involved in such a beneficial network of cities.

Passed by City Council,

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

**SYNOPSIS:** This Resolution expresses City Council’s interest in Wilmington joining the Cities of Service coalition, and respectfully encourages the Mayor to sign a Declaration of Service so that the City can have access to a network of resources, and can work alongside other cities around the country that are developing and strengthening their cities and communities.