Wilmington, Delaware June 4, 2015

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Sponsors:

Council President Gregory

Council Members Shabazz Dorsey Walker

Co-Sponors:

Council Members Chukwuocha M. Brown WHEREAS, promoting and securing employment opportunities for residents of Wilmington is essential to the City's plans for growth and development; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Wilmington, which has long been a source of employment for City residents and others living in the region, successfully handles more than 400 vessels and five million tons of cargo each year; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware House of Representatives has introduced House Concurrent Resolution No. 30, which calls for the creation of the Port of Wilmington Exports Task Force to be charged with examining the feasibility of introducing new agricultural products for export; and

WHEREAS, the introduction of agricultural exports would constitute the expansion of Port operations, and would likely result in the creation of new jobs at the Port; and

WHEREAS, the City Council supports this initiative as a means to increase commerce at the Port of Wilmington as well as to contribute to broader economic development initiatives for the City, County and State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that the Council respectfully urges the Delaware General Assembly to support the creation of the Port of Wilmington Exports Task Force, and encourages that the Task Force consider the economic development and employment opportunities that an expansion of Port operations would provide for residents of the City of Wilmington.

Passed by City Council, June 4,2015

Attest Haci H. Ouens
City Clerk

Assistant City Solicitor