Whereas, the period of early adolescence (10-15 years old) is a distinct, developmental period between childhood and full adolescence; and

Whereas, this period needs to be better understood and its importance recognized; and

Whereas, young adolescents between the ages of approximately 10-15 years old undergo more extensive physical, mental, social, moral, and emotional changes than at any other time of life, with the possible exception of infancy; and

Whereas, the attitudes and values young adolescents develop during these formative years largely determine their later behavior; and

Whereas, middle level educators possess a unique set of skills for nurturing and educating young adolescents; and

Whereas, parents continue as primary role models and guides, even as young adolescents give increased attention to peer groups; and

Whereas, the community itself is also a "classroom" in which young adolescents learn many lessons; and

Whereas, much valuable information and research about this important age group now exists and should be circulated;

Therefore, be it resolved that October be declared the

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and be it further resolved that middle level leaders in the Connecticut join their colleagues from around the world by extending their knowledge about these critical years and undertaking actions that will support the healthy development of young adolescents.

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