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By Council Members Gonzalez, Comrie, Dickens, Fidler, Foster, James, Palma, Sanders Jr., Liu, Gerson, Stewart, Jackson, Mark-Viverito, de Blasio, Arroyo, Barron, Mealy, Rodriguez and Weprin.

Whereas, The United States' juvenile justice system is responsible for detained and incarcerated youth as well as administering programs designed to protect youth and reduce future juvenile crime; and

Whereas, A continuum of funding is needed to provide these necessary services to youth who come into

contact with the juvenile justice system; and

Whereas, The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (“JJDP A”) of 1974 is a major source of federal funding to improve states' juvenile justice systems; and

Whereas, The JJDP A is based on the principle that children should not have contact with adults in jails and other institutional settings; and

Whereas, Congress initially passed the JJDP A in 1974 to keep children from having direct contact with adults in jails and prisons and to establish rules under which juvenile offenders could be detained; and

Whereas, Under the JJDP A and its subsequent re-authorizations, states are required to maintain core protective services for juveniles; and

Whereas, According to the Campaign for Youth Justice, an average of 7,500 juveniles are incarcerated in adult jails every day because the JJDP A does not apply to children who are being tried as adults; and

Whereas, Studies have shown that the majority of youth in detention centers across the country are African American or Latino, even though the JJDP A was amended during a previous reauthorization in 1994 to require states to find out why disproportionate numbers of minority juveniles are detained; and

Whereas, S.678, a bill to reauthorize and enhance the JJDP A currently pending in the United States Senate, would increase federal funding for key services including prevention, intervention, and treatment programs designed to reduce the incidence of juvenile crime; and

Whereas, S.678 would also authorize funding for mental health and drug treatment for juvenile offenders, and encourage states to address the overrepresentation of minorities in the juvenile justice system; and

Whereas, According to studies conducted by The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, children who are incarcerated in adult prisons commit more crimes, when they are released, than children with similar histories who are kept in juvenile facilities; and

Whereas, S.678 would enhance the JJDP A by encouraging states to move away from keeping youth in

adult jails by promoting plans for alternatives to detaining youth; and

Whereas, S. 678 would provide federal funding for programs that prevent delinquency as well as programs that reduce crime and recidivism among youth; and

Whereas, Reauthorizing the JJDPA would push forward new ways to help youth move out of the criminal justice system, return to school, and become responsible, hard-working members of our communities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the United States Senate to pass legislation reauthorizing and enhancing the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act.

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