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Res. No. 578

Resolution calling upon the appropriate committee of the Council of the City of New York to conduct an oversight hearing on the reports of increased and widespread hunger in our City's child population.

By Council Members Perkins, Addabbo, Comrie, Fidler, Foster, Gennaro, Gerson, Jackson, Lopez, Martinez, Monserrate, Quinn, Reed, Sanders, Vann, Weprin, Brewer and DeBlasio; also Council Member Moskowitz

Whereas, According to an October 28, 2002 New York Daily News Article (the "Daily News article") entitled "Hunger has [a] younger face", children are swelling the ranks of the City's hungry, redefining the more typical portrait of the homeless as adults; and  
Whereas, The Daily News article found that New York City's economy has been fundamentally changed since the events of September 11, 2001, with a significant number of layoffs, cutbacks and reduction in working hours having occurred; and  
Whereas, According to the Daily News article, the number of New York City children receiving food stamps has risen by nearly 35 percent in just one year; and  
Whereas, 10,000 additional children are eligible this year for free and reduced-rate meals; and  
Whereas, City Harvest and the Food Bank of New York City, organizations which supply food to many soup kitchens, report that economic and material donations from restaurants and corporations have fallen since September 11, 2001; and  
Whereas, The current economic circumstances have caused a growing number of children and their parents to eat meals and collect bags of groceries at local food pantries; and  
Whereas, According to the Daily News article, Community Kitchen in Manhattan which has traditionally served only adults, has been forced to purchase high-chairs and booster seats to serve its new clientele of hungry young people; and  
Whereas, Additionally, many soup kitchens throughout the City are being forced to stock their pantries with food that is appropriate for children; and  
Whereas, According to the Daily News article, the meals children eat in soup kitchens are often the only nutritionally balanced meals they consume; and  
Whereas, Reports indicate that in some cases, families have been forced to feed their children sugar and water in order to quench their hunger; now, therefore, be it  
Resolved, That the appropriate committee of the Council of the City of New York conduct an oversight hearing on the reports of increased and widespread hunger in our City's child population.

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