

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 19, 2017

**RESOLUTION HONORING FRED PIMENTEL ON BEING SELECTED AS
EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR FOR THE NEW ENGLAND REGION
BY THE NETWORK FOR TEACHING ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

WHEREAS, Fred Pimentel is a graduate of New Bedford High School, Class of 1986 and Plymouth State College, Majoring in Business Administration with a Minor in Economics; he received his Master's in Education from the University of New England in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Fred and his wife, Maria Pimentel, have three daughters, Kayla, Corrin and Kacey; and

WHEREAS, For twenty-six years, Fred Pimentel has been a teacher at New Bedford High School and has been a Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship teacher for the past thirteen years; and

WHEREAS, Founded in New York City in 1987, by Steve Mariotti, a former entrepreneur turned High School math teacher in the South Bronx, Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship began as a program to prevent drop-outs and to improve academic performance among students who were at risk of failing or quitting school; and

WHEREAS, The Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship attempts to inspire young people to pursue educational opportunities, start their own businesses and break the cycle of poverty by providing entrepreneurship education programs relevant to the real world, and by teaching the entrepreneurial mindset, NFTE provides young people with tools and attitudes to overcome adversity and address future personal, economic, community and global challenges; and

WHEREAS, The Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship has worked with more than 700,000 young people from low-income communities in programs across the United States and around the world; as of this date, the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship operates a successful curriculum in twenty-three locations in ten countries and continues to expand by sharing and spreading the transformative power of entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, Fred Pimentel has been described by fellow teachers as a kind and enthusiastic educator, a coach, a valued colleague and a role model to his students; and

WHEREAS, Fred Pimentel has been awarded the 2017 Global Enterprising Educator Award for the New England Region, which honors teachers who have excelled at teaching the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship Program; and

WHEREAS, This award was presented to Fred Pimentel at the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship's 30th anniversary Global Showcase in New York City on March 23, 2017, where top NFTE Alumni put their businesses on display and young entrepreneurs joined leading NFTE teachers and volunteers and hundreds of guests in New York to receive awards, exchange ideas, and hear from a panel of Forbes #30Under30 entrepreneurs:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the New Bedford City Council hereby honors **FRED PIMENTEL ON BEING SELECTED AS EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR FOR THE NEW ENGLAND REGION BY THE NETWORK FOR TEACHING ENTREPRENEURSHIP**, commends him for his years of dedication to the education of his students and wishes him continued future success.