

CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNT VERNON



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, DR. DIANE KAYE WILLIAMS has dedicated over 30 years to serving marginalized communities through her work in healthcare, advocacy, and environmental justice, and currently leads Adopt Clean Energy In Mount Vernon and New Rochelle as part of NYSERDA's Clean Heating and Cooling campaign; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Williams is the co-founder of Environmental Leaders of Color (ELOC), an organization committed to promoting climate and environmental education among high school students in Westchester County, with a focus on those most vulnerable to the effects of climate change; and

WHEREAS, the work of Dr. Williams and ELOC addresses the urgent need for education about climate change, including understanding its impact, implementing mitigation strategies, and developing sustainable solutions that empower our future leaders; and

WHEREAS, statistics reveal that high school students in the county's most climate-impacted areas are not taking the number of STEM or environmental courses recommended under state education guidelines, highlighting the importance of Dr. Williams's tireless efforts to close this educational gap; and

WHEREAS, through education, advocacy, and innovative programming—such as the award-winning “Don't Strain Your Drain” campaign, Dr. Williams has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to equipping young people and communities with the tools and knowledge necessary to confront climate change and build a more sustainable future.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Mount Vernon recognizes the invaluable contributions of Dr. Diana Kaye Williams in advancing climate education, fostering environmental stewardship, and uplifting youth in our community; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the City Council of Mount Vernon does hereby honor and commend DR. DIANA KAYE WILLIAMS for her exceptional leadership, advocacy, and dedication to promoting environmental education and climate justice, and declares this day in recognition of her outstanding service to our city and beyond.

Councilperson

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City Council President

Authenticated this **24th** day of **SEPTEMBER, 2025**

City Clerk