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To Celebrate the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) and Declare February 7th, 2023 as Columbus Loves COTA Day

WHEREAS, the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) has served the people of Columbus and Central Ohio since 1971 and plays a vital role in the operations of the city, and;

WHEREAS, COTA offers riders a hassle-free and affordable way to access job opportunities, educational institutions, businesses, entertainment venues, and recreational spaces across Columbus; and

WHEREAS, COTA services reduce congestion on the roads, decrease air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions compared to driving, and promote sustainable development; and

WHEREAS, COTA reduces barriers to transportation by providing mobility options to all residents, regardless of their background, helping to address social inequity and making opportunities across the city accessible to all; and

WHEREAS, the continued growth and success of COTA is essential for Columbus' development; and

WHEREAS, February 7th, 2023 is "Ohio Loves Transit Day", part of a larger, week-long celebration of public transit across Ohio taking place from February 5th, 2023 to February 11th, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus encourages residents to get out of their cars and take COTA as frequently as possible; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council celebrates the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) and declares February 7th, 2023 as "Columbus loves COTA" day in the City of Columbus.