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To recognize and commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Jefferson Center for Learning & the Arts.

**WHEREAS**, the Jefferson Center for Learning & the Arts was establish in 1975 after having multiple buildings donated by the Arthur I. Vorys family; and

**WHEREAS**, the properties now provide space for eighteen nonprofit organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, The Jefferson Center for Learning & the Arts acts as the owner and manager, leasing the houses at below-market rates to these organizations, as well as providing residential units for a substance abuse rehabilitation program; and

**WHEREAS**, many of the buildings have public spaces that draw visitors for art galleries on the campus, a reading garden, and the Thurber Museum House; and

**WHEREAS**, The Jefferson Center for Learning & the Arts maintains these buildings and funds the capital improvements to promote efficiency, and to protect the historic fabric of the buildings. The Jefferson Center provides shared conference space and office equipment, campus-wide events, picnic tables for summer lunches, and public gallery spaces that foster collegial relationships amongst the tenants; and

**WHEREAS**, when nonprofits can save money on overhead costs, they have more to allocate to the programs and services that directly impact individuals and local communities, increasing direct program and service delivery. The current tenants assist the community with teaching children to write; working on international programming and global issues; protecting children and/or assisting women at risk and many more; and

**WHEREAS**, The Jefferson Center’s approach resulted in the creation of one of the first multiple tenant nonprofit centers in the country, and in 1983 the campus was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Since its founding in 1975, the Jefferson Center has provided office space to more than 100 nonprofit organizations; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

That we recognize and commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Jefferson Center for Learning & the Arts.