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To Celebrate the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) and Declare February 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 is "Ohio Loves Transit Day", part of a larger, week-long celebration of public transit across Ohio taking place from February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to February 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as "Columbus loves COTA" day in the City of Columbus.