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To acknowledge and celebrate the 60th anniversary of the rich and long standing relationship that Columbus, Ohio USA and Genoa, Italy have fostered; and to encourage even stronger social, cultural, and business related partnerships through Sister Cities International in the years to come.

WHEREAS, the great people of Genoa, Italy on Columbus Day, October 12, 1955, presented to the City of Columbus, Ohio a statue of Christopher Columbus symbolizing and bonding a mutual relationship; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 1985, near the 30th anniversary of this exceptional gift, the City of Columbus formally recognized by way of resolution, Genoa, Italy as its first Sister City through Sister Cities International, solidifying a three decade relationship that began before organization was created in 1956; and

WHEREAS, Sister Cities International exists to create and strengthen partnerships between U.S. and international communities in an effort to increase global cooperation at the municipal level and to promote cultural understanding and to stimulate economic development; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, during a Columbus cultural mission to Genoa, the City of Columbus is proud to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the continuation of this important and rich relationship between the two cities, and extends its appreciation to the City of Genoa for its hospitality, and its efforts to maintain a vibrant Sister City relationship; now, therefore; and

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

That this Council does hereby recognize the 60th anniversary of the partnership forged between Columbus, Ohio USA and Genoa, Italy. This relationship, and Sister Cities International, are important resources for developing cultural understanding and encouraging friendship, goodwill and cooperation for a better world for all involved.