



Legislation Text

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To recognize and honor Maryhaven on their 60th anniversary of helping men, women & children to restore lives that were interrupted by addiction or mental illness.

WHEREAS, Maryhaven was founded as a half-way house for women's alcohol recovery by the Sisters of the Good Shepard - a part of the Catholic diocese in 1953; and

WHEREAS, the Sisters of the Good Shepard with the help of a number of concerned physicians transformed the center into Maryhaven; allowing it to become a separate nonprofit, providing services for both men and women in 1967; and

WHEREAS, Maryhaven added an adult inpatient unit and the state's first driver intervention program, an alternative 3 day OMVI diversion program for first time offenders as public health federal dollars became available in 1970; and

WHEREAS, Maryhaven has grown under the leadership of Paul Coleman and since his arrival in the 1990's has expanded from 5 to 19 programs, added a new facility to serve the community; and has developed a reputation for its resourcefulness and expertise; and

WHEREAS, Maryhaven's tradition of excellence with in-patient services has also been matched by its outstanding patient centered services, with 92% of the invested revenues going to direct patient care; and

WHEREAS, Maryhaven's holistic centered patient model continues to focus on public health and education through a medical and ambulatory detoxification approach, extending women's care services, maintaining stable cradle services, addressing gambling and adolescent outpatient care; and

WHEREAS, Maryhaven has stood in the gap more recently as they work to allow patients to reclaim their lives from the destabilizing crutch of opiate addiction -a disease that has taken an average of 70 people from our community within the last year; and

WHEREAS, Maryhaven's commitment to women has continued with the recent launching of the Women's Center for Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies campaign, increasing their capacity to care for expectant, addicted women; and

WHEREAS, Maryhaven's continues to provide adolescent services helping youth served by Franklin County Children's Services and the youth involved with the Franklin County Juvenile Court, improving the outcomes for our youth; and

WHEREAS, Maryhaven will continue with their mission of helping people restore their lives by providing the highest quality of behavioral healthcare services; remaining fiscally prudent, achieving this with the same integrity and spirit which has been provided to the countless number of patients and their families; now therefore,

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

That this Council does hereby honor and recognize Maryhaven for 60 years of helping men, women, and children to restore their lives that has been interrupted by addictive or mental illness.