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To recognize and celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Saint Martin de Porres Center.

WHEREAS, the Dominican Sisters of Peace founded the Saint Martin de Porres Center in November of 2003 as a place for spirituality, education, and the arts; and

WHEREAS, the Center was named after the Dominican Saint Martin de Porres, a Peruvian-born son of a freed African slave and a Spanish nobleman- known for his compassion and service to the poor; and

WHEREAS, it is the spirit of Saint Martin de Porres that drives the mission of the Center to grow and collaborate with Black Catholic Ministries of the Diocese of Columbus, Mount Carmel Health and the interfaith community; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Martin de Porres Center offers programming on topics that bring diverse groups together in dialog; hosting events and organizing tours for people from many different faith traditions, and

WHEREAS, over the past ten years the programming in spirituality and the arts, has provided gallery space for art exhibitions and has served as a state-of-the-art community gathering facility, supporting nonprofits and other organizations; and

WHEREAS, now through technological advances, the many programs and events that take place are now available to audiences worldwide through webcasting; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Martin de Porres Center will continue to serve the community with expanded programming; adding to the cultural footprint in the City of Columbus, now therefore

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

That this Council does hereby recognize the 10th Anniversary of the Saint Martin de Porres Center; and applaud them for their work at providing dynamic arts programming which has become a part of the rich cultural fabric of the City of Columbus.