

Legislation Text

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To recognize, congratulate and honor the Komen Columbus Race for the Cure and the Susan G. Komen for the Cure for their tireless efforts to raise the funding needed for research in order to end breast cancer once and for all.

WHEREAS, since its inception 25 years ago as a promise between two sisters, the Susan G. Komen for the Cure has successfully brought breast cancer out of the closet, changing the way the world talks about and treats the disease and turning breast cancer into a priority health issue for women, researchers, health care professionals and politicians; and

WHEREAS, under the dedicated, able and skilled leadership of Executive Director Katie Carter, Affiliate President Miguel Perez, Race Chair Alison Sestina and over 1,600 volunteers such as 2006 Committed to the Cure Event Chair Linda Craig, Sun Chips National Volunteer of the Year Georgeann Corey and many, many others, the Columbus Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure successfully raised \$1.5 million in 2006 from the Race and has set a goal to raise \$2 million in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Komen Columbus Race for the Cure is now in its fifteenth year and has grown from 875 participants to more than 32,000 walkers and runners making it the largest 5K road race in Ohio. Race for the Cure is a fun-filled, family-oriented event that benefits a great cause and will take place on Saturday, May 19, 2007 beginning at approximately 8:30 a.m. Athletes of all ages and abilities are encouraged to participate in this celebration of life; and

WHEREAS, the money raised by Komen Columbus Race for the Cure will be used in the education, screening, treatment and research of breast cancer we encourage everyone to "THINK PINK" this month and, for those who can, to participate in the effort to stop this disease from being the leading cause of death for women from ages 15 to 54; and,

WHEREAS, this Council wishes to pay homage to the determined and courageous breast cancer survivors, and those that have left us too soon, for their valiant fight against this invasive disease; and we also want to give special thanks to their support groups - the mothers, fathers, husbands, wives, partners, sisters, brothers, cousins, aunts, uncles, sons, daughters, nieces, nephews, neighbors, colleagues and friends who stood fast by their sides to hold a hand, wipe away a tear or simply to encourage and comfort with their presence - we salute you all; now, therefore,

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

That this Council does hereby celebrate and honor the thousands of people working towards the noble goal of ending this devastating disease called breast cancer.