



Legislation Text

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To recognize and celebrate Ohio Hispanic Coalition on its 24th Anniversary on September 19, 2014.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Hispanic Coalition (OHCO) will celebrate 24 years of serving the Hispanic/Latino Community of Central Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the OHCO's mission is to improve the well-being and quality of life of all Hispanics through advocacy, education, training and access to quality services; and

WHEREAS, the OHCO is a private, non-profit Hispanic/Latino organization that was established in 1990 and at that time was certified as a volunteer, community-based organization in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, from 1990 until 1996, OHCO voluntarily served the needs of the Hispanic/Latino population; and

WHEREAS, in November 1996, the Internal Revenue Service awarded the OHCO a non-profit status under the Federal 501(c) 3 guideline; and

WHEREAS, OHCO stands today as the only Latino founded, operated and 24 year old community-based organization, with full time bi-lingual employees and over 70 volunteers which offer a wide range of services; and

WHEREAS, the OHCO's main services are divided by four large departments: health, youth and education, safety, and interpretation and translation services; and

WHEREAS, The Coalition is committed to providing services that help transition the underserved, disadvantaged Hispanic/Latino population to safe, healthy, independent living. In an effort to accomplish these objectives OHCO believes that it must be a vital resource to the community by providing: direct services, referrals to appropriate social service agencies, necessary work skills training, linguistically and culturally appropriate health care and safety information to families and facilitating navigation of governmental and institution processes; now, therefore

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

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