

City of Columbus

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Legislation Text

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To honor and recognize Pelotonia 12 for promoting cancer research and uniting thousands of people towards the common goal of ending cancer.

WHEREAS, Pelotonia is a grassroots bike tour with one goal: to end cancer; and

WHEREAS, founded in 2009, Pelotonia has been a staple cancer research fundraising event in Ohio ever since. Pelotonia consists of bicyclists obtaining pledges for cycling a predetermined distance of up to 180 miles in two days; and

WHEREAS, on August 11, 2012, nearly 6,000 riders and thousands of community volunteers will participate in and support the launch of Pelotonia 12, with the event's opening night celebration and the ride starting from the City of Columbus, all on a single journey with one goal; and

WHEREAS, over the past three years, Pelotonia has attracted more than 8,300 riders from 38 states, 2,800 volunteers, and hundreds of thousands of donors that have raised \$25.4 million for cancer research. The organization now has a goal of raising \$50 million in its first five years; and

WHEREAS, 100% of money raised by Pelotonia is directly donated to The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center- James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute; and

WHEREAS, the James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute use the money that is donated to research innovative cancer detection, prevention, and treatment methods that will increase the survivability for individuals diagnosed with cancer; and

WHEREAS, Pelotonia has been successful at raising \$25.4 million because of the generous support of the citizens and the business community in Columbus, central Ohio, and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Pelotonia is an organization that has been and will continue to be an integral part of our community. Pelotonia has set out on the mission to help end cancer. With the work of organizations like Pelotonia, there may soon come a day of world without cancer; now, therefore

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

That this Council does hereby recognize and commend Pelotonia 12 for its support and committment to the ongoing fight to end cancer.