



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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To honor and recognize the King Arts Complex on the occasion of its twenty-ninth anniversary.

**WHEREAS**, the King Arts Complex offers artistic, cultural, and educational programs that represent varied and diverse experiences and increase our community's knowledge of the significant contributions of African-Americans to the culture and history of America and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the King Arts Complex opening in 1987 after a \$2.7 million renovation of the Pythian Theater on the Near East Side, a historical center of African-American life and community in Columbus; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to hosting locally and nationally prominent dance, music, and theatrical performers, authors, films, artists, and exhibitions, the King Arts Complex exerts a positive influence in our community by providing programming for young people, including the Afterschool Arts Institute, Camp KAC in the summer, and a junior docents program; and

**WHEREAS**, our community will celebrate this beloved institution's anniversary with a gala event sponsored by Nationwide Insurance honoring African American Physicians and Dentists, past and present who have served in Columbus, Ohio on Saturday, May 21, 2016, at 8pm, with attendees estimated to number more than 1,200; and

**WHEREAS**, since its founding, the King Arts Complex has been an oasis of cultural and educational activities, a treasured community facility for special events, and a major anchor for development in the King-Lincoln District; now, therefore

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

That this Council does hereby honor and recognize the King Arts Complex on the occasion of its twenty-ninth anniversary.