



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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To recognize and celebrate the life of Mr. Dennison Ward “Denny” Griffith, and to extend our sincerest condolences to his family and friends on the occasion of his passing.

**WHEREAS**, Dennison “Denny” Ward Griffith, a monumental figure in Columbus’ creative community, peacefully departed this life on Monday, January 18, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Griffith was a life-long artist who’s professional career allowed him to absorb the creative vibes of various communities, including those in Akron, and Portsmouth before eventually setting in the Columbus arts community; and

**WHEREAS**, During his time in Columbus, Denny spent ten years in various administrative roles at the Columbus Museum of Art before being named Columbus College of Art & Design’s third president in 1998; and

**WHEREAS**, In his sixteen years at CCAD, Denny led a historic period of growth, doubling the campus facilities, launching the Master of Fine Arts program, expanding the exhibitions program to include contemporary art, and establishing the Mind Market, connecting CCAD with the business community; and

**WHEREAS**, Denny served on numerous boards, including The Columbus Partnership, Experience Columbus, and the National Association of Schools Art & Design; and

**WHEREAS**, Among his many honors, Denny recently received the Spirit of Columbus Award from The Columbus Foundation, as well as maintaining a vigorous commitment to his work as an artist. Mr. Griffith’s work has been included in more than 100 solo exhibitions domestically and abroad; and

**WHEREAS**, Denny Griffith’s leadership, and influence in Columbus’ creative community enabled him to be a source of inspiration for many, and a man whose legacy will live on; Now therefore

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

That this Council does hereby recognize, and celebrate the life of Dennison Ward “Denny” Griffith, and extend our sincerest condolences to his family and friends on the occasion of his passing Monday, January 18, 2016.