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To recognize ASHA RAY OF HOPE for Victims of Domestic Violence for their ongoing efforts to raise awareness for domestic violence prevention.

WHEREAS, domestic violence impacts men, women and children of every age, background, and belief - nearly 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men in the United States have suffered abuse from an intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1 in 15 children are exposed to domestic violence and 1/3 of female homicides result from domestic violence committed by an intimate partner - last year there were more than 17,259 domestic violence calls in Columbus and Central Ohio; and

WHEREAS, data from the CDC's National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS) indicates that domestic violence can be diminished by educating and empowering communities to develop and maintain healthy relationship skills; and

WHEREAS, ASHA RAY OF HOPE For Victims of Domestic Violence serves immigrants and refugees from South Asian communities and has a mission to interrupt the cycle of domestic violence through community education and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, ASHA RAY OF HOPE is a part of the Domestic Violence Network of providers and is a domestic violence safe haven in Franklin County, offering a 24-hour crisis and information hotline, counseling services, support groups, as well as legal services for those impacted by domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, ASHA RAY OF HOPE served over 300 men, women and children and 200 hours of interpretation and legal assistance were provided to individuals in need. ASHA's 24-hour hotline received over 500 calls, with 91 individuals receiving protection orders and over 35 receiving shelter.

WHEREAS, ASHA Ray of Hope for Victims of Domestic Violence, along with their team of victim advocates, counselors, community and legal advocates, provides a beacon of hope for those currently in abusive relationships and act as an inspiration for others, by educating communities on the importance of developing and maintaining healthy relationships, as well as providing safe shelter and support for those in need, now therefore;

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

That this Council recognizes ASHA Ray of Hope's efforts to combat domestic violence and support refugee and immigrant populations throughout Central Ohio.