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To recognize and celebrate the 7<sup>th</sup> year of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Incorporated Alpha Eta Omega Alumni and Beta Mu Undergraduate Chapters Pre-Thanksgiving Event.

**WHEREAS**, on September 19, 1963, at Morgan State College 12 students founded what is now the nation's fifth largest, predominately African-American social service fraternity: The Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Incorporated; and

**WHEREAS**, the local chapters of Iota Phi Theta, Fraternity, Incorporated responded to the need of hungry families during the holiday seasons by providing thanksgiving meals; and

WHEREAS, today of Ohio's major cities, Columbus has the third highest family food hardship rate; and

WHEREAS, this event serves over 1000 meals and assists struggling families that would otherwise go without a Thanksgiving meal; and

WHEREAS, last year, Iota Phi Theta partnered with Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Gamma Zeta Zeta Chapter and through this successful collaborative effort have been able to extend this annual event to a much larger facility, to be held on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at Barnett Recreation Center; and

**WHEREAS**, this year the Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. will assist with benefiting countless families in direct, positive and meaningful ways and a commitment in making a meaningful contribution; now therefore,

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

That this Council does hereby recognize and celebrate the 7<sup>th</sup> year of this Pre-Thanksgiving event and the efforts of this fraternity to make a difference, through community service, that portrays the founding principles of Iota Phi Theta.