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To honor, recognize, and celebrate the Columbus Black Nurses Association & Chapter Founder Dr. Trudy Gaillard on 20 years of excellence.

WHEREAS, The National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) was organized in 1971 under the leadership of Dr. Lauranne Sams, former Dean and Professor of Nursing, in the School of Nursing at Tuskegee University located in Tuskegee, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the NBNA is a non-profit organization incorporated on September 2, 1972 in the State of Ohio - the NBNA represents 150,000 African American registered nurses, licensed vocational/practical nurses, nursing students and retired nurses from the USA, Eastern Caribbean and Africa - it also has 92 chartered chapters in 35 states; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Black Nurses Association - a Chapter of the National Black Nurses Association was officially registered and incorporated with the Ohio Secretary of State's Office on July 16th 1997; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Black Nurses Association was created:

- 1) To collaborate with health care groups, to initiate and implement health issues;
- 2) To screen and educate consumers on healthcare conditions; and
- 3) To serve as advocates influencing health care policies affecting African - Americans; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Trudy Gaillard founded the Columbus Chapter because she stridently believes in the importance of uniting and sharing around the common interest of health care within the African American Community; moreover the chapter under the leadership of its current President, Ms. Pauline Bryant and others envision an organization of leaders who welcome each and every member to assist with the delivery of culturally competent healthcare services and bringing health provider programs into the 21st Century - the Columbus Black Nurses Association also seeks to improve the recruitment, retention, career planning and job mobility of black nurses; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Black Nurses Association will commemorate 20 years of service at the 2017 Ohio Nurses Month Conference and Scholarship Fundraiser Luncheon to be held in the offices of the Ohio Nurses Association in Columbus, Ohio on Saturday, May 20, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the conference will feature a key note presentation by the President of the National Black Nurses Association Mr. Eric Williams, DNP, RN, CNE, who will speak on the theme of "Nursing Innovations: Building a Healthy Community," now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council does hereby honor, recognize, and celebrate the Columbus Black Nurses Association & Chapter Founder Dr. Trudy Gaillard on 20 years of excellence.