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To recognize, honor and thank Bill Owens for his service as the Executive Director of Clintonville-Beechwald Community Resources Center on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, Bill Owens, Executive Director of Clintonville-Beechwald Community Resources Center, for the last 17 years, will conclude his leadership in the non-profit organization on July 17, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Bill is a lifelong resident of Columbus, Ohio, whose first home as a child was on Acton Road in Clintonville. He received his Bachelor's Degree in social studies education in 1981 and his Master's Degree in social work in 1984 from The Ohio State University; and

WHEREAS, he worked as a social worker in the community's mental health system from 1984 to 1995, providing counseling to the severely mentally ill, crisis intervention and older adult counseling; and

WHEREAS, he returned to Clintonville to work at the Clintonville-Beechwald Community Resources Center in 1995 where his first job at the CRC was running the food pantry and two years later he was named executive director; and

WHEREAS, Clintonville-Beechwald Community Resources Center was founded in 1971, a non-profit organization with 33 employees and 300 plus volunteers annually; and

WHEREAS, its mission is to improve the quality of life for all people in the Clintonville-Beechwald community in the best tradition of settlement houses; and

WHEREAS, Bill saw the job as a way to support the organization's mission of helping local residents lead safer,

healthier and more empowered lives; and

WHEREAS, Bill Owens' contributions of time, energy and passion are greatly appreciated and has helped make Columbus the best place to live, work and raise a family. We wish you much success for many years to come; now, therefore

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

To recognize, honor and thank Bill Owens for his service as the Executive Director of Clintonville-Beechwold Community Resources Center on the occasion of his retirement, July 17, 2015.