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To Recognize and celebrate the one-year Anniversary of the opening of the Reeb Avenue Center Roots' Cafe.

**WHEREAS**, the Roots Café at the Reeb Avenue Center opened on September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 -operating not only as a place for low income families to gain access to healthy dining, but also as a market for fresh, healthy and nutrient rich foods; and

**WHEREAS**, the Roots Café provides low income residents with access to fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, dairy, eggs, bread, dry goods, and other household items - with the foods being sourced by local farms operated by the Mid-Ohio Foodbank; and

**WHEREAS**, the Roots Café serves as a community center for the South Side - a center that encourages community interaction, inspiring people to spend time engaging with their neighbors at various meetings - allowing them to take advantage of the event spaces which can be reserved for various community gatherings and purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Roots Café celebrated its one-year anniversary on September 26<sup>th</sup> 2016 - a week which not only celebrated the opening of the Roots Café but also recognized the 50,000 meals which have been served at the Roots Café to the children of the Side Boys and Girls Program and to the youth attending the South Side Learning and Development Center programs during the calendar year of 2015- 2016, the first year of the Café's opening; and

**WHEREAS**, the Roots Café serves the Southside, not only as a community space that helps citizens to engage with one another for a greater sense of community, but also as a center which facilitates healthy eating and educational opportunities for low income families - giving them access to healthy affordable foods; now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:** That this Council does hereby recognize

and celebrate the Roots' Café on its first Anniversary of outstanding service to our community and the residents of the Southside of Columbus.