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To recognize and thank members of the Columbus Green Team for their efforts to make the City or Columbus a more sustainable and healthy place to live

WHEREAS, the Get Green Columbus initiative was launched in 2005 by Mayor Michael B. Coleman to ensure the City of Columbus was actively contributing to the resolution of global environmental issues. As a part of this initiative, the Green Team was formed from policy experts, as well as community and business leaders, to help identify and implement projects to reduce the city's impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Green Team has helped restore natural waterways by removing dams along the Scioto and Olentangy Rivers, add greenspace throughout the city including downtown, launch a comprehensive curbside recycling program widely utilized by residents, establish the CoGo bike share program, create a new approach to eliminate sewer overflows through the Blueprint Columbus plan, reduce greenhouse gas emissions from city operations by just under 35 percent, and have assisted with many other initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Green Team voluntarily contributed hundreds of hours towards the drafting of The Columbus Green Community Plan: Green Memo I, II, and III in 2005, 2010, and 2015 respectively, which helped guide the city's ongoing sustainability work; and

WHEREAS, the Green Team was instrumental in the implementation and success of the Branch Out Columbus initiative, which helped plant more than 10,000 trees during Earth Week 2016 and has given away more than 1400 trees over the past year, and the GreenSpot program, which inspires, educates, and recognizes households and businesses that adopt sustainable practices and recently reached 17,000 members throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus and its residents have benefited greatly from the dedicated work of the members of the Columbus Green Team; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council does hereby recognize and thank members of the Columbus Green Team for contributing their time and talent to make the City of Columbus a better place to live.