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To Recognize and Celebrate the Historic Resources Commission and Historic Districts and Their Contribution to the City of Columbus

WHEREAS, Columbus has eighteen historic districts and fifty-nine individual buildings listed on the Register of Historic Places and the Historic Resources Commission was established in 1980 to maintain, conserve, and enrich Columbus' distinguished historic properties, sites, and districts; and

WHEREAS, Columbus historic districts were established to preserve the rich sense of community, history, and character within the neighborhoods, while also inviting growth and innovation in the districts; and

WHEREAS, the German Village Commission and the German Village Historic District were established in 1960 as the first district in the City of Columbus to preserve, protect and enhance the unique architectural and historical features of the German Village Historic District; and

WHEREAS, historic districts preserve unique historical and cultural qualities and simultaneously provide palpable glimpses into the past, allowing residents and visitors a tangible connection to the groups of people that formed the core of this city in prior centuries; and

WHEREAS, historic districts provide notable economic benefits to their respective neighborhoods, the City of Columbus and the greater Central Ohio Area by increasing property value and employment opportunities through attracting tourists, and providing for reinvestment in buildings in historic designations, historic districts enhance the economic viability of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Columbus' historic districts stand out because their historical and cultural integrity remain uncompromised to this day. The emphasis on aesthetically-pleasing public spaces, pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods, locally-owned business, and dedicated, hardworking community members make Columbus' historic districts more than just unique architectural areas.

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus encourages all community members to voluntarily work with historic districts and their representatives in good faith in such a way as to preserve and protect the historical and cultural integrity achieved and maintained through the work of historic district residents, the City of Columbus and the great State of Ohio; now, therefore

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

That this council does hereby recognize and celebrate the educational, economic, and cultural boon that historic districts have brought to the City of Columbus over the years.