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To Celebrate the Bicentenary of the Birth of Baha'u'llah on October 22nd, 2017

WHEREAS, the Bahá'í community of Columbus, Ohio, has been an integral part of the Municipality of Columbus, embracing members from all races, nationalities and cultural backgrounds since the 1920s; and

WHEREAS, in the nineteenth century, Bahá'u'lláh, the founder of the Bahá'í Faith, brought a message of universal peace, predicated upon human dignity, capacity and oneness suited to the requirements of contemporary life; and

WHEREAS, October 22, 2017 marks the two-hundredth anniversary ("Bicentenary") of the birth of this remarkable person, Bahá'u'lláh; and

WHEREAS, the Bahá'í community of Columbus, Ohio, has ceaselessly striven to apply this vision to the material and spiritual life of Columbus, collaborating with others to promote peace and unity and to serve their fellow citizens in neighborhoods across Columbus; and

WHEREAS, the community-building activities undertaken by the Bahá'í community of Columbus and their many collaborators seek to empower all participants to be agents of social change, working together for the betterment of their communities and the world; and

WHEREAS, Bahá'í gatherings, held throughout Columbus and open to all, provide a social space of reflection and consultation to find their many points of unity; and

WHEREAS, the Bahá'ís of Columbus and their families, friends, neighbors, and colleagues are commemorating the Bicentenary, along with Bahá'ís across the United States and around the world; now, therefore

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

That this Council does hereby recognize Sunday, October 22, 2017 as the bicentenary anniversary of the birth of Bahá'u'lláh in Columbus, Ohio, as they contribute to social change, spiritual betterment and the fabric of the diverse

community of Columbus.