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To Celebrate the Grand Opening of the Essential Care Center

WHEREAS, the Essential Care Center held its grand opening ceremony on August 24, 2023, launching a \$6 million community hub for pets and their owners; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 106,000 pet owners in Columbus are experiencing poverty and 70,000 of those pets have never been to a veterinarian as a result; and

WHEREAS, pet ownership can help reduce feelings of loneliness and anxiety, increase cardiovascular activity, and encourage healthy decision making; and

WHEREAS, the Essential Care Center provides invaluable services to the Columbus community and their pets, including veterinary care, a pet food bank, and social and medical services for pet owners; and

WHEREAS, the Essential Care Center is the first of its kind in Columbus, providing support and vital resources to a previously unserved demographic of pet owners and their pets; and

WHEREAS, the Essential Care Center embodies the spirit of collaboration with several community partnerships and a comprehensive collection of services and resources located in one convenient location; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council celebrates the grand opening of the Essential Care Center, congratulates the Columbus Humane Society on this incredible milestone, and looks forward to supporting the amazing community work happening at the Center.