



Legislation Text

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To recognize and celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the American Cancer Society.

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society, originally named the American Society for the Control of Cancer, was established in 1913 and has experienced 100 years of milestones in their fight against cancer; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society has been a trailblazer for cancer research; raising awareness regarding the devastating effects of cancer; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society began prioritizing the funding of cancer research in 1944 and since that time has funded 46 Nobel Laureates, growing to become the largest nongovernmental not-for-profit funder of this research; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society has helped educate the public regarding the contributing factors that lead to cancer, such as the link between lung cancer and smoking - discovered in 1950, and the correlation between obesity and many types of cancer which researchers concluded in 2003; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society has become responsible for implementing the largest grassroots fundraising event in the world - Relay for Life which was launched by a volunteer in 1985 and has since its founding raised over \$3 billion to fund research, education, advocacy, and service to cancer patients; and

WHEREAS, the actual number of cancer deaths saw its first decline in 2006 thanks to the American Cancer Society's efforts to promote early detection, treatment, and prevention; and

WHEREAS, in the last year the American Cancer Society has provided 19,470 Ohioans with reliable and trustworthy information regarding their treatment options through its 1-800-227-2345 Resource Center; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society has given \$17,375,000.00 so far this year to fund 31 research grants to medical research institutions in Ohio and will provide free lodging to cancer patients during their treatment at two Hope Lodges located in Ohio; now therefore

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

That this Council does hereby recognize the 100th Anniversary of the American Cancer Society's lifesaving research and celebrate their efforts to educate the people of our city about cancer, treatment and prevention.