



## Legislation Text

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To honor and recognize the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) Columbus, Ohio, Chapter for advancing women entrepreneurs toward economic, social and political achievement.

**WHEREAS**, NAWBO Columbus was founded in 1996 by Marcia Swigart Hoyt to bring women business owners together to provide support and peer networking; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization helps women develop and grow strong and profitable businesses, build strategic alliances, coalitions and affiliations, transform public policy and influence opinion makers, and affect changes in the business culture; and

**WHEREAS**, each year NAWBO Columbus honors one Central Ohio woman business owner who has achieved success with her business while making notable contributions to her community, her industry and to initiatives for other women in business; and

**WHEREAS**, NAWBO Columbus hosts the Visionary Award Gala as a prestigious way to recognize and showcase the amazing women who not only own and operate businesses that are vital to Ohio's economy, but also find time and resources to identify needs and drive social change in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, two new awards have been created for 2014 - the NAWBO Columbus Women & Business Champion and the NAWBO Columbus Member of the Year; and

**WHEREAS**, the visionary women of NAWBO make Central Ohio better and stronger for all of us and propel women entrepreneurs into economic, social, and political spheres of power worldwide; now, therefore

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

That we hereby honor and recognize the National Association of Women Business Owners Columbus, Ohio, Chapter for advancing women entrepreneurs toward economic, social and political achievement.