



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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To Recognize the 70th Anniversary of Indian Independence and Celebrate the Culture and Heritage of Indian Americans in Columbus.

**WHEREAS**, on August 15, 1947 the first Prime Minister of The Republic of India, Jawaharlal Nehru, proclaimed India's independence from British colonial rule; and

**WHEREAS**, August 15, 2016 marks the 70<sup>th</sup> annual national Independence Day of India, observed in India and the Indian Diaspora around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 10,700 Indian Americans live in Central Ohio and the City of Columbus contribute greatly to local schools, economy, diverse communities and strong neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, Columbus Indian Americans come together in numerous festivals, parades and gatherings to celebrate the sovereignty of the Republic of India and appreciate the unique Indian culture and heritage recognized around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the Indian American community is vital to building the strength and diversity of Columbus, now, therefore

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

That this Council recognizes August 15, 2016, as the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Indian Independence, and urges Columbus residents to join in celebrating the culture and heritage of Indian Americans in Columbus.