



Legislation Text

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To honor and recognize the 37th Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon & 1/2 Marathon on Sunday, October 16, 2016.

WHEREAS, Nationwide Children's Hospital is the title beneficiary of the 37th Columbus Marathon, the Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon & 1/2 Marathon; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Marathon was the largest marathon in Ohio and the 17th largest marathon in the United States last year; and

WHEREAS, over the past three years, the marathon raised more than \$4.5 million for the life-saving work of the hospital; and

WHEREAS, Nationwide Children's Hospital is ranked in U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Children's Hospitals Honor Roll" and provides wellness, preventative, diagnostic, treatment, and rehabilitative care for infants, children, and adolescents regardless of ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, there will be twenty-four Patient Champions stationed at each mile, with one "Encore Mile" dedicated to Patient Champions from the past three years and one "Angel Mile" dedicated to the special children who have left us too soon, and hundreds of participants will be raising funds for Nationwide Children's Hospital, with the Columbus Marathon Board of Trustees once again pledging a \$100,000 match; and

WHEREAS, the Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon & 1/2 Marathon will have a field of 18,000 runners, walkers, and wheelchair participants in the marathon and 1/2 marathon, and children are encouraged to participate in the Highlights Kids' Run in cooperation with Highlights and Columbus Recreation and Parks; now, therefore

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

That this Council does hereby honor and recognize the 37th Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon & 1/2 Marathon, and joins the tens of thousands of Central Ohioans who will line the course to cheer the participants on Sunday, October 16, 2016.