



## Legislation Text

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To Recognize and Celebrate Pelotonia for their Continued Efforts in the Fight Against Cancer.

**WHEREAS**, Pelotonia was established in 2008 with the goal of funding life-saving cancer research. Pelotonia is a social movement that includes an annual weekend of cycling, entertainment and volunteerism, and additional engagement opportunities throughout the year; and

**WHEREAS**, one-hundred percent of every rider-raised dollar is directed toward The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center - James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute; and

**WHEREAS**, Pelotonia funds are directed to four key areas at The James including fellowships for graduate, undergraduate, post-doctoral and medical students, idea grants for researchers with transformational ideas and tools for discovery and funding for senior scientists; and

**WHEREAS**, Pelotonia has raised over 130 million dollars since its inception in 2008. Pelotonia 16 raised \$24,104,423 alone thanks to the efforts of 7,749 Riders, 2,616 Virtual Riders, 2,794 Volunteers coming from 40 states and 10 countries; and

**WHEREAS**, Registration for Pelotonia 17 Riders, Virtual Riders and Volunteers opens on February 8th, 2017, and turn outs are expected to continue growing this year and every year after to continue raising funds and awareness for cancer research; now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:** That this Council does hereby recognize, Pelotonia, for providing an opportunity for communities to come together in pursuit of raising awareness and support for cancer research.