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To commemorate John H. Gregory for his work with the 13th Annual - National African American Male Wellness Walk and honor its organizers, sponsors, volunteers, supporters, and participants.

**WHEREAS,** Columbus City Council is honored to recognize occasions of outstanding significance; and

**WHEREAS,** John H. Gregory, founded the National African American Male Wellness Walk, NAAMWW in Columbus, Ohio in 2004 in response to his recognition that African American men have lower life expectancies and die at higher rates from preventable disease than any other ethnic group; and

**WHEREAS,** The 5 five kilometer Walk/Run continues to be a dramatic illustration of the importance of African American Men and the community taking control of their Health and Wellness; and

**WHEREAS,** African American Male Health and Wellness has become a priority throughout the State of Ohio and since 2017 now includes walks in 10 Cities, not only in Ohio but throughout the country; and

**WHEREAS,** The NAAMWW is the largest urban health initiative of its kind in Central Ohio providing the largest number of Free Screenings of any event of its type; and

**WHEREAS,** John, the volunteers, sponsors, and everyone affiliated with the NAAMWW believe that education is a priority - as men who are educated about the value of preventative health are more likely to participate in health screenings - fathers who maintain healthy lifestyles are more likely to become role models for their children, which ultimately leading to happier healthier children and healthier future adults; and

**WHEREAS,** this is the 13th Annual National African American Male Wellness Walk to be held in Columbus; and

**WHEREAS,** The National African American Male Wellness Walk will be held at Livingston Park on Saturday, August 12th, with a Five Kilometer Walk/Run stepping off at 9:30 a.m. opening with Free Screenings beginning at 7:00 a.m. and extending until 12:00 p.m.; now therefore,

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

That this Council does hereby commemorate John H. Gregory for his work with the 13th Annual - National African American Male Wellness Walk and honor its organizers, sponsors, volunteers, supporters, and participants.