



Legislation Text

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To recognize, congratulate, and thank Primary One Health for 20 years of providing high quality health care services to the residents of the City of Columbus and Central Ohio.

WHEREAS, PrimaryOne Health has provided high-quality, comprehensive primary care and preventative health care services in Central Ohio for 20 years and is the region's longest serving Federally Qualified Health Center; and

WHEREAS, As the country's largest primary care network, Health Centers now serve as the health care home for over 25 million Americans in over 10,000 delivery sites across the nation - One in every 13 people in the United States gets their care in a community health center; and

WHEREAS, Health Centers, like PrimaryOne Health, are a critical element of the health system, serving both rural and urban populations, and often providing the only accessible and dependable source of primary care in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Everyday, Health Centers are developing new approaches to integrating a wide range of services beyond primary care, including oral health, vision, behavioral health, and pharmacy services, to meet the needs and challenges of their community; and

WHEREAS, Health Centers are locally controlled by patient-majority boards, ensuring that the patients of each Health Center system are engaged in their own health care decisions; and

WHEREAS, Health Centers, like PrimaryOne Health, nationally employ nearly 190,000 people, including physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and certified nurse midwives who work as part of multi-disciplinary clinical teams designed to treat the whole patient; and

WHEREAS, The Health Center model continues to prove an effective means of overcoming barriers to healthcare access, and in doing so, improves health care outcomes and reduces health care system costs; and

WHEREAS, Health Centers reduce overall costs of care by managing chronic conditions and keeping patients out of costlier health care settings, like hospital emergency rooms; and

WHEREAS, Health Centers are on the front lines of major health care crises that our country faces including providing access to care for our nation's veterans, addressing the opioid epidemic and responding to public health threats like the Zika virus and measles outbreaks; and

WHEREAS, As part of its 20th Anniversary, PrimaryOne Health celebrated its 3rd Annual Health Care Justice Awards on Thursday, October 5th 2017 - this event celebrated the individuals and providers in our community who are working to eliminate health disparities, expanding access to healthcare & wellness and breaking down cultural and social barriers, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council does hereby recognize, congratulate, and thank PrimaryOne Health for 20 years of providing high quality health care services to the residents of the City of Columbus and Central Ohio.

