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To Recognize and Celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of Pelotonia and its Contributions to the City of Columbus.

WHEREAS, in 2008, Dr. Mike Caligiuri recognized the need to expand the existing funding for the OSU Comprehensive Cancer Center and the James Cancer Hospital and proposed a grassroots cycling event in Ohio to the President of the James Cancer Hospital Foundation Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board was able to obtain one year of funding for a pilot event, which included the hiring of Tom Lennox as the first CEO. Lennox and Caligiuri were then able to participate in the Pan Mass Challenge benefiting the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, which set the foundation for Pelotonia as we know it today; and

WHEREAS, Pelotonia is able to direct 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar to Cancer research and funding for the best physicians and equipment; and

WHEREAS, in the past ten years, Pelotonia has grown into an internationally renowned fundraising event that has some of the best grassroots support of any event around the country; and

WHEREAS, the impact that Pelotonia has had on the greater Columbus community, the James, and the many patients and families that have benefited from the research and treatments funded by the proceeds of Pelotonia extends beyond reasonable measure and explanation; now, therefore

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

That this Council does hereby recognize and celebrate the tenth anniversary of Pelotonia and its contributions to the City of Columbus and to the advancement of Cancer treatment and research.