



Legislation Text

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To honor and celebrate AkzoNobel for 130 Years of manufacturing excellence in the City of Columbus and to thank the company for its long term commitment to delivering high-performance products and services.

WHEREAS, AkzoNobel, is a recognized global leader in the paint, coatings, color, and protection industry; moreover, it has been setting the standard of excellence in the industry since 1646; and

WHEREAS, the company, headquartered in the Netherlands, employs more than 35,700 people and has more than \$9.6 billion dollars in annual revenue -; - the company's world class portfolio of brands and activities, in over 150 countries, includes but is not limited to: Dulux, International, Sikkens and Interpon - the Sikkens paint and varnish brand began in the Netherlands in 1792; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus site began its operations in United States with the Hanna Paint Company, founded in Columbus, Ohio in 1888; later the company became known as the Hanna Chemical Coatings Company - Hanna Chemical, built and developed a reputation for its innovative techniques and practices in the coating and protection business; it became known for the paint and enamel products that it manufactured for homes - quality and dependability became the cornerstones of the company's success; and

WHEREAS, the Hanna Chemical Coatings Company continued to expand, entering the industrial paint market in 1929 with its purchase of the Columbus varnish company, however the expansion did not end there; over the years it continued to acquire, expand, and develop innovative paint technologies; developing a reputation as a cutting edge manufacturer in the research and paint chemistry arena; and

WHEREAS, Hanna Chemical Coatings merged with Reliance Universal in 1985; in 1989, Akzo acquired Reliance, creating a global footprint in the coatings business - in 1994 the company merged with Nobel Industries, a company founded by a Swedish chemist, engineer, inventor, businessman and philanthropist, Mr. Alfred B. Nobel - this created AkzoNobel ; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 AkzoNobel's Columbus site continues a rich heritage of innovation and the manufacture of high-performance coatings to meet the needs of the metal construction industry; its products include TRINAR, a 70 percent PVDF coating, and CERAM-A-STAR 1050, the benchmark of SMP paint systems; both products are available in a Cool Chemistry formulations, which helps its customers make projects more energy efficient and sustainable; AkzoNobel Columbus coatings are widely specified for their excellent performance and durability, as well as their color and gloss retention; and

WHEREAS, AkzoNobel will celebrate its 130 years of innovation and manufacturing excellence by awarding a special community program grant to the St. Stephen's Community House, a nonprofit organization committed to strengthening, serving and empowering more than 22,000 families in Linden and the surrounding communities - St. Stephens was founded in 1919 - moreover the City of Columbus will honor and recognize the achievements of AkzoNobel on Monday, October 29th 2018 at 10 a.m. at the AkzoNobel Columbus manufacturing site; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this council does hereby honor, recognize and celebrate AkzoNobel for its 130 Years of manufacturing excellence in the City of Columbus.

