



Legislation Text

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To Recognize the Private Leisure Assistance for Youth (PLAY) grant program, the Champions for PLAY committee, and the annual Champions for PLAY golf outing

WHEREAS, the Private Leisure Assistance for Youth (PLAY) grant program was established in 1993 to provide children from low-income families in Central Ohio the opportunity to participate in fee-based programs offered by the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department; and

WHEREAS, through these grants, kids have the opportunity to learn about the importance of a healthy and active lifestyle, the value of caring for the environment, and the ability to build essential social skills that help prepare them for success; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, PLAY distributed more than \$78,000 in grants that enabled more than 2,800 children the opportunity to participate in Columbus Recreation and Park Department programs and activities; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, PLAY has distributed more than one million dollars to local youth, providing them with the opportunity to learn a new sport or activity while creating long-lasting memories and friends; and

WHEREAS, 2019 will mark the 24th year of the annual Champions for PLAY golf tournament and the fourth year of partnering with The Urban and Shelley Meyer Foundation, whose participation and support helps increase the prominence and impact of the PLAY grant program's largest fundraiser; and

WHEREAS, members of the PLAY committee make the City of Columbus a healthier and more vibrant place to live through their commitment to increasing access to recreation and sports programming for local youth; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council does hereby recognize the Private Leisure Assistance for Youth (PLAY) grant program, the Champions for PLAY committee, and the annual Champions for PLAY golf outing.