

Legislation Text

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To Recognize and Celebrate Thursday, February 14th, 2019 as Ohio Loves Transit Day in the City of Columbus

WHEREAS, the Ohio Public Transit Association recognizes outstanding public transportation on the second annual Ohio Loves Transit Day taking place on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February; and

WHEREAS, in Columbus, Ohio, residents have relied on the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) millions of times to arrive safely at home, work, school, and innumerable other destinations; and

**WHEREAS**, seniors and people with disabilities have utilized COTA's Mainstream program for over a quarter of a million rides; and

**WHEREAS,** COTA directly employs over 1,150 Ohioans, including hundreds of transit operators, and supports thousands of additional jobs through their work; and

WHEREAS, 3030 stops along 43 routes operated by COTA help connect Columbus residents to one another while reducing wear on public roads, levels of traffic, and carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS, COTA's deployment of almost 150 compressed natural gas buses protects Ohio's air, water, and environmental future, while also supporting Columbus as a growing green city; and

**WHEREAS**, the outstanding work done by the Central Ohio Transit Authority since 1974 in providing central Ohioans with affordable and reliable transportation is deserving of recognition; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:** That this Council does hereby recognize and celebrate Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as Ohio Loves Transit Day in the City of Columbus.