



Legislation Text

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To commemorate the 2019 Dr. Robert J. Fass Memorial AIDS Walk Central Ohio and to commend its organizers, sponsors, volunteers and participants for their dedicated efforts to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS.

WHEREAS more than 24,000 Ohioans are currently living with HIV or presumed infected but undiagnosed; and

WHEREAS one in five people infected with HIV do not know that they are infected, and nearly a thousand new cases of HIV are diagnosed in Ohio every year; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County has led the state with the highest number of new infections in each of the past six years; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Dr. Robert J. Fass Memorial AIDS Walk Central Ohio is the largest HIV/AIDS awareness event in the Franklin County area; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the walk is to raise awareness and funds for HIV/AIDS service organizations through education and promotional activities leading up to the walk and through the participation of walkers and volunteers in a community-oriented event; and

WHEREAS, the goal for this year's walk is 1,200 walkers/runners and \$250,000 in funds for HIV/AIDS medical care and treatment, HIV prevention (which includes PrEP), and a variety of other services; and

WHEREAS, funds raised at the walk help participating AIDS service organizations - including AIDS Resource Center Ohio, The Ohio State University AIDS Clinical Trials Unit, Camp Sunrise, Delaware County AIDS Task Force, Montaña de Luz, Nationwide Children's Hospital FACES Program and Ohio AIDS Coalition - provide education, prevention, testing services, housing, medication assistance, supplies, and other services to care for people living with HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Dr. Robert J. Fass Memorial AIDS Walk Central Ohio will be held at the McFerson Commons on Saturday, April 13th, with registration beginning at 9:00 a.m. and the walk/run stepping off at 10:30 a.m.; now, therefore

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

That this Council hereby commemorates the 2019 Dr. Robert J. Fass Memorial AIDS Walk Central Ohio and expresses our appreciation for its organizers, supporters, volunteers, and participants.