



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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To Honor and Celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Milo Fest in the City of Columbus.

**WHEREAS**, the first Milo Fest, started by Charles Thompkins, was held at Goodale Park with over 300 people in attendance in 1988; and

**WHEREAS**, after moving around to multiple locations throughout the City Milo Fest found a permanent home in 1997 at the Milo-Grogan Recreation Center where it has been held annually in August; and

**WHEREAS**, Milo Fest is one of the most anticipated events of the year in the neighborhood and seen as time for residents, both long-time and new, to meet one another while coming together to celebrate the Milo-Grogan community; and

**WHEREAS**, residents and visitors alike look forward to the annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament, watermelon eating contest, horseshoe contests, 3-point shootout, and recently added chess tournament; and

**WHEREAS**, every year school supplies are given to more than 200 students as they prepare for the upcoming school year, and special residents are honored with awards for their contributions to the neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, for years Charles Thompkins funded the neighborhood celebration through fundraisers and his own money but over the years many local businesses, churches and nonprofit organizations have partnered to make Milo Fest one of the city's biggest neighborhood celebrations; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 850 people attended the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Milo Fest on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 for one of the most successful celebrations of community and unity to date; now, therefore

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

That this Council does hereby Honor and Celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Milo Fest in the City of Columbus.