



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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To commend and thank Cam Williams for his advocacy on behalf of restored citizens as the founder of People Objective

**WHEREAS**, Cam Williams is the founder of People Objective and has led it in its mission to champion the rights of formerly incarcerated individuals while promoting compassion in the community and in the workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, with People Objective, Cam Williams launched The Run for People, a campaign where he personally ran 3,187 miles from Los Angeles to New York in 100 days while chronicling the experiences of restored citizens along the way in order to raise awareness of the stigma surrounding those with criminal records; and

**WHEREAS**, through The Run for People campaign, Cam Williams and People Objective are creating a documentary to share stories of people returning home from incarceration, social service agencies focused on restored citizens that have found unique success with their approach, and employers that adapted their system to create a fair chance of employment for restored citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the goals of The Run for People campaign and the documentary are to gain commitments from employers nationwide to employ people with criminal records and to empower people re-entering society to persevere through barriers to achieve their goals; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to his work as an activist and extreme athlete, Cam Williams proudly grew up in Central Ohio and served as the director of the Center for Employment Opportunities in Columbus; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that more than 1,500 people return to Franklin County from an Ohio prison each year while more than 214,000 adults living in the City of Columbus have a criminal record, and through advocating for job opportunities for these residents, Cam Williams contributes to the success of the City of Columbus; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:** That this Council does hereby commend and thank Cam Williams for his advocacy on behalf of restored citizens as the founder of People Objective.