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To recognize and celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Columbus Association for the Performing Arts (CAPA) in the city of Columbus

**WHEREAS**, in 1969, the Columbus Association for the Performing Arts (CAPA) was formed to save downtown's historic Ohio Theatre from demolition by leading and generating community-based fundraising and restoration efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, CAPA has gone on to steward nine additional central Ohio entertainment venues including the historic Southern Theatre, Palace Theatre, Lincoln Theatre, and Drexel Theatre, thereby preserving Columbus' history for countless future generations to enjoy; and

**WHEREAS**, CAPA supports the Columbus arts community by providing specialized back office services to seven local arts and culture organizations, allowing each organization to better focus on producing innovative, quality entertainment for central Ohio audiences; and

**WHEREAS**, CAPA has partnered nationally with Broadway Across America to bring the hottest productions and brightest stars of Broadway home to Columbus; and

**WHEREAS**, CAPA presents national and international artistic programming of the highest quality on its stages, educating diverse local audiences and featuring renowned artists of all cultures; and

**WHEREAS**, CAPA produces Festival Latino, a free, annual community celebration of Latin-American culture that has become the largest Hispanic event in Ohio, and the CAPA Summer Movie Series, the longest-running classic film series in America; and

**WHEREAS**, CAPA provides transformative performing arts experiences, education, and outreach to all ages in the central Ohio community and beyond through its education series, master classes, talk-back events, the CAPA Marquee Awards for high school musical theatre students, and more; and

**WHEREAS**, CAPA has been a cultural and economic asset in Columbus for five decades, serving hundreds of thousands of patrons each year and currently generating in excess of \$94 million in local economic impact; and

**WHEREAS**, Columbus City Council is thankful for the impactful work of CAPA, as it is actively making Columbus a national destination for living, breathing art; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:** That this Council does hereby recognize and celebrate the Columbus Association for the Performing Arts (CAPA) and their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the City of Columbus.