

Legislation Text

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To recognize the inauguration and opening of the new Genova San Giorgio Bridge as a symbol of hope and renewal and to extend our best wishes to Mayor Marco Bucci and the residents of, Genoa, Italy, the City of Columbus' first and oldest Sister City.

**WHEREAS**, bridges are one of man's greatest engineering marvels as they symbolize hope and change; they represent the interconnectivity of people, places, and things; they embody the triumph of the human spirit and the ability of man to overcome any obstacle, and they embody unity as they bring communities together; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbus, Ohio USA and the city of Genoa Italy have a rich, longstanding, cultural relationship that includes educational, economic, and cultural exchanges, a bridge of friendship that dates back to 1955; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Columbus, Ohio USA is proud to recognize and acknowledge the opening of the new Genova San Giorgio Bridge as a symbol of hope and resilience during this global challenge; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Columbus, Ohio USA would like the families, friends, and residents impacted by the tragic collapse of the Morandi Bridge which occurred on August 14, 2018 to know that our thoughts, prayers, and best wishes will always remain with you; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus, Ohio USA would like to recognize Mayor Marco Bucci, of Genoa, Italy and thank him for his leadership which aided in the prompt construction of this new bridge- through the use of advanced technology; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbus, Ohio USA is also proud to recognize and celebrate the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the rich relationship between our two cities and would like to extend our appreciation to the City of Genoa for its hospitality, and its efforts to maintain a vibrant Sister City relationship; now therefore;

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

That this Council does hereby recognize the inauguration and opening of the new Genova San Giorgio Bridge as a symbol of hope and renewal and extend its best wishes to Mayor Marco Bucci and the residents of Genoa, Italy, the City of Columbus' first and oldest Sister City.

## **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:**

This Council recognizes and acknowledges the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the partnership forged between our two cities, and we look forward to strengthening the bond of friendship and continuing our tradition of cultural understanding, goodwill and cooperation, ultimately strengthening our bridge of friendship and creating a better world.