



Legislation Text

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To Honor, Recognize and Celebrate the Contributions of the Historic Adams Family Reunion 100th Anniversary

WHEREAS, Lewis Adams, a freed person in 1813 at the age of 28, settled in Champaign County. He became an activist of social justice and a supporter of the anti-slavery movement. He assisted his fellow African Americans to seek their freedom, as a conductor on the Underground Railroad, while family also joined him in that pursuit of helping many other souls seeking freedom. This tradition of service has been handed down too many generations of the descendants of Lewis Adams.; and

WHEREAS, The first Adams Family Reunion was held in Urbana, Ohio 100 years ago, this legacy has been passed down to the future generations.; and

WHEREAS, On the Sunday before Labor Day, the Adams Clans gather together to continue that important ritual. It has contributed to their survival, health strength of family, success, faith and hope for all generations. These reunions assisted in helping the family to maintain their cultural heritage throughout the country's certain and uncertain times; and

WHEREAS, Lewis attended the Colored Men Conventions 1833-1865; A founding member of St. Paul AME Church, Urbana Ohio 1824; started a school for black children 1844; The Ohio Genealogical Society inducted the Adams Family in the Ohio First Families Linage Society in 2005.; and

WHEREAS, Many descendent have distinguished themselves in their life's pursuits and have received recognitions and awards for their work. They have been civic leaders, educators, professionals, musicians, artist, scientist, masonic leaders, political leaders, social activist, served in the military, all in the Adams traditions.; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council does hereby Honor, Recognize and Celebrate the Contributions of the Historic Adams Family Reunion 100th Anniversary.