



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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To Recognize the Thursday Noon Luncheon Club and Celebrate its 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**WHEREAS**, the Thursday Noon Luncheon Club was founded in 1943 at the Spring Street YMCA (now the Eldon and Elsie Ward Family YMCA) as a hub for several community organizations to come together and discuss pressing social and political issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the Club provides a venue for civically-minded individuals of many different backgrounds freely and openly converse about the challenges and opportunities facing the City of Columbus and Central Ohio and leverage their unique abilities to impact social change; and

**WHEREAS**, the Club particularly emphasizes discussions around the Black community, the Near East Side, and transformative social movements from around the country; and

**WHEREAS**, over the last 80 years, the Thursday Noon Luncheon Club has had a diverse range of membership from leaders in several different industries and professions, including government officials, grassroots activists, religious officials, teachers, business leaders, and entertainment personalities; and

**WHEREAS**, the discussions held at the Thursday Noon Luncheon Club have contributed to the social, political, and economic wellbeing of the City of Columbus, encouraged collaboration and partnership across communities and industries, and spurred activism on the most important issues of the day; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:** That this Council recognizes the Thursday Noon Luncheon Club and celebrates its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary.