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To Celebrate the Inaugural Black Columbus Family Reunion

WHEREAS, Black Columbus Family Reunion (BCFR) is an annual festival, held the weekend after Labor Day that celebrates the rich history, culture, and contributions of the African American community in Columbus. It serves as a platform to strengthen community bonds, promote unity, and empower future generations; and,

WHEREAS, the inaugural Black Columbus Family Reunion will take place on September 9th and 10th, 2023, at the Franklin Park Amphitheater.; and,

WHEREAS, this event will pay homage to the historical “Coming Home Festival” that originated in the 1990’s and celebrated the diversity of the community; and,

WHEREAS, by reimagining the “Coming Home Festival,” The Black Columbus Family Reunion will foster a sense of belonging and solidarity among attendees, forging lasting connections and cherished memories for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the Black Columbus Family Reunion will stand as a testament to the resiliency and unity of a community that has overcome numerous challenges and celebrated many triumphs over the years; and,

WHEREAS, the festival will feature an array of engaging activities and events that cater to the diverse backgrounds of the community, including musical and dance performances, educational seminars, and entrepreneurial expositions; and,

WHEREAS, In the spirit of the past and the vision for the future, The Black Columbus Family Reunion continues to be a powerful force that unites hearts, minds, and souls, ensuring that the remarkable heritage of the African American community in Columbus lives on for generations to come.; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council celebrates the first annual Black Columbus Family Reunion, recognizes the cultural and political importance of such an event, and expresses gratitude to the event’s organizers for their hard work toward creating this celebration.