

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF COLUMBUS, OHIO

Resolution of Expression



To recognize September 1 - 30, 2011 as National Infant Mortality Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, in Franklin County 157 babies died before their first birthday; and

WHEREAS, in Franklin County the overall Infant Mortality Rate of 8.6 deaths per 1000 live births is higher than the Ohio rate of 7.7; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County has not met the national goal of no more than 4.5 deaths per 1000 live births; and

WHEREAS, Columbus Public Health's *Caring for 2 Project*, one of 104 Healthy Starts Projects in the United States, is dedicated to reducing the incidence of infant deaths among minority populations that face substantial cultural, social and economic barriers to obtaining early and adequate prenatal care; and

WHEREAS, Infant Mortality Awareness Month activities provide opportunities for the community to be educated and get more involved with *Caring For 2* and *Office of Minority Health* programs to ensure Columbus has healthy mothers, healthy babies and healthy families; and

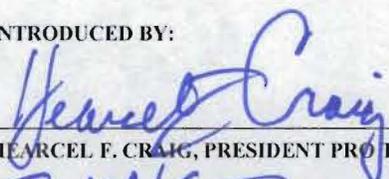
WHEREAS, every baby deserves to live beyond their first birthday; now, therefore

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

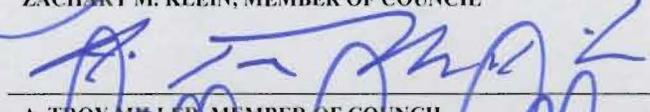
That we do hereby recognize September, 2011 as National Infant Mortality Awareness Month and acknowledge the dedication and diligence of Columbus Public Health to increase awareness of infant mortality and its contributing factors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council supports the efforts of the *Caring For 2* and *Office of Minority Health* programs to reduce the racial disparities in prenatal care and lower the infant mortality rate in the City of Columbus and the efforts of Columbus Public Health to inform the community about the importance of public health and their efforts to build a healthier and safer community.

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