

Legislation Text

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Recognizing and celebrating the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation's 50th Anniversary as they honor the patients, caregivers, and professionals who strive to achieve a future free of Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.

WHEREAS, Founded in 1967 by Irwin M. and Suzanne Rosenthal, William D. and Shelby Modell, and Henry D. Janowitz, M.D., the Foundation now has over 250 volunteer-led support groups across the country; and

WHEREAS, The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation is dedicated to finding the cures for Crohn's Disease and ulcerative colitis, and to improving the quality of life for children and adults affected by these diseases; and

WHEREAS, The Foundation has remained at the forefront of research in Crohn's Disease and ulcerative colitis; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation organizes professional education workshops and programs, along with a scientific journal which enables medical professionals to remain on the cutting edge of this growing field; and

WHEREAS, By collaborating with healthcare providers to improve the quality of care for IBD [inflammatory bowel diseases] as well as by educating, supporting, and empowering patients and their caregivers through patient-centric education and advocacy programs, the Foundation is able to improve outcomes for patients; and

WHEREAS, The Foundation has been recognized by the National Institutes of Health for "uniting the research community and strengthening IBD research"; and

WHEREAS, The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation has a constituent base of more than two million people and serves more than 600,000 patients annually through their 40 chapters as well as through their national education and support programs; and

WHEREAS, The Philadelphia/Delaware Valley Chapter of The Foundation reaches more than 103,000 local constituents and hosts various programs to support patients and family members; and

WHEREAS, The City of Philadelphia is proud of organizations like the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation as such organizations are at the forefront of medical research, advocacy, and improving patient outcomes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby recognizes and celebrates the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation's 50th Anniversary as they honor the patients, caregivers, and professionals who strive to achieve a future free of Crohn's Disease and ulcerative colitis.