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RESOLUTION NO. _____ – 2024

RECOGNIZING the Melanin Magic Drag Show as a 2024 Pride Month honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for their committed support of the City’s LGBTQ+ community through Charity Drag Shows and their establishment of fun, safe spaces for Queer love, joy, and art to thrive in the City.

WHEREAS, the Melanin Magic Drag Show was established on April 8, 2022, with the purpose of uplifting and highlighting members of the Black Drag community who are often overlooked and underpaid; and

WHEREAS, the Melanin Magic Drag Show was started by Trayla Parks and Lala Snap-Clemons through the Imperial Sovereign Queen City Court of the Buckeye Empire, and it is now completely produced and run by Manuka Honey Stix-Chimera and Vanta Black; and

WHEREAS, the Melanin Magic Drag Show is the longest running all Black Drag Show in Cincinnati and is the second longest running all Black Drag Show in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Melanin Magic Drag Show produces monthly shows at a variety of venues across Cincinnati, featuring a diverse cast of artists and an array of songs; and

WHEREAS, the Melanin Magic Drag Show has featured over 25 performers and has encompassed the wide range of identities present in the Cincinnati Black LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, the Melanin Magic Drag Show began as a charity-based show raising over \$400 for Cincinnati Black Pride in their first three shows, and they continue to host regular charity shows, including a recent show that raised over \$600 for families impacted by the conflict in Gaza; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated team behind the Melanin Magic Drag Show continues to serve the LGBTQ+ community in Cincinnati through their fundraising efforts, active representation, and strong advocacy; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council hereby recognize the Melanin Magic Drag Show for their committed support of the City’s LGBTQ+ community through Charity Drag Shows and their establishment of fun, safe spaces for Queer love, joy, and art to thrive in the City.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to the team behind the Melanin Magic Drag Show through the Office of Councilmember Meeka Owens.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Meeka Owens