

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2023**

**RECOGNIZING** Pamela Kravetz as a 2023 Women's History Month honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and Council of the City of Cincinnati for her decades of teaching, artistic support, and community service to the citizens of Cincinnati.

**WHEREAS**, Pamela Kravetz attended Indian Hills School where she helped form the first women's track team in the school's history, and helped form the inaugural Flag Corps; and

**WHEREAS**, while in school Ms. Kravetz developed an affinity for self-expression through her clothes, her art, and her relationships with classmates; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Kravetz graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1983 with a bachelor's degree in Fine Arts with a specialization in Ceramics and Drawing, and received her certificate of Fine Arts Education from Miami University in 1989; and

**WHEREAS**, during her time at the University of Cincinnati, Ms. Kravetz was the bearcat mascot and participated in Homecoming festivities; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Kravetz worked as an art teacher for over 30 years in the Southwest Local School District, during which time she received two School District Teacher of the Year awards, worked to expand the art curriculum from primarily two-dimensional art to three-dimensional art, and incorporated art curriculum into other subjects; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Kravetz worked with Artworks as a project manager for five summers where she participated in such projects as the Children's Hospital Hematology/Oncology Suite, "Sew Taft" at Taft Museum of Art, and the Columbia Tusculum Mural; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Kravetz currently sits on the Board of Artworks and continues to make Cincinnati a more colorful and artistic city; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Kravetz has worked as her alter-ego Pinky Shears, the mastermind behind the Cincinnati Bombshells, an impromptu "yarn bombing" collective which works to beautify neighborhoods by adding crochet and knitting to infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Kravetz has served on the board of the Art Academy of Cincinnati, as the curator for live performances for CAC-TV, as a board member of the Human Rights Campaign, and as a co-liaison for the National Council for the Ceramics Arts Conference in Cincinnati; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Kravetz has incorporated fellow artists and the community into her art projects, including her interactive projects such as *Pinkolicious Pamajama's House of Wonder and Silly Scooter's Playhouse*, and *I Think My Uncle Gershun Was A Golem*, which encourages the audience to think through topics such as antisemitism, perseverance, and Jewish culture; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kravetz views art as a medium for self-expression and philanthropy and invites people to view and participate in the art she creates, making art accessible and creating a more diverse and inclusive art community; and

WHEREAS, in light of the recent lifeguarding shortage, Ms. Kravetz received her lifeguarding certification and worked at the Ziegler community pool, where she also started an adult synchronized swimming team, The Rhinestones, that raises money for the Ziegler youth swimming team; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kravetz has been named a 2022 City Beat Artist of the year, a Cincinnati Woman of the Year in 2017, a Cincinnati Art Museum Stakeholder, and a Gold Star Chili Flavor Maker, an award bestowed upon people who have shaped Cincinnati culture; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kravetz’s greatest accomplishment is sharing her life with her family, her son Max Wildenhaus who is also an artist and a teacher, her husband Craig, and daughters Erin and Jill as well as their families; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kravetz finds joy in being herself and encouraging others to do the same, whether it is leading parades in Arnold’s Bar & Grill’s rolling bathtub, wearing go-go boots to kindergarten, or working with 1000 community members to paint seven blocks of downtown streets, and she consistently uses art to give back to her community and improve the quality of life for the residents and her community; 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 Pamela Kravetz as a 2023 Women’s History Month honoree for her community service, dedication to the art community, and work to beautify the City of Cincinnati.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Ms. Kravetz through the office of Councilmember Reggie Harris.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Reggie Harris