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RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2023

RECOGNIZING the Cincinnati Police Department’s Youth Services Unit, and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for the Youth Services Unit’s contributions to the safety and future of youth in the City of Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Police Department’s Youth Services Unit (“YSU”) honorably serves many of the City’s communities and has provided over 140 Cincinnati schools with School Resource Officers, who enhance protection in and around school property while also serving as mentors and resources to students and school administration; and

WHEREAS, YSU provides security detail coverage for school sports and events, investigates incidents and offenses involving students and school staff, and works with schools to conduct and teach safety drills and threat assessments; and

WHEREAS, YSU aims to strengthen trust between the police and youth by collaborating with other government and community services agencies to provide youth with resources, training, and other educational and support services; and

WHEREAS, YSU’s officers receive top-tier training and certification through the National Association of School Resource Officers, the Tristate Trauma Network, and ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate), in addition to specialized training involving the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy, the Juvenile Justice System, and Child Abuse Investigations; and

WHEREAS, YSU assists the Cincinnati Police Department’s Victims Advocate Liaison Unit with youth who are impacted by homicide and gun violence and who may need support, guidance, and a voice; and

WHEREAS, YSU is currently on pace to exceed last year’s service to over 550 youth within the Greater Cincinnati area through the Cincinnati Police Summer Cadet Program, the Camp Joy Police Youth Live-In, the Children in Trauma Intervention Camp, Queen City SWISH, Young Not Silent, The DIVE Right Program, and Teen Talks; and

WHEREAS, YSU supervisors are worthy of recognition for their exemplary service, including: Lieutenant Chantia Miller, Sergeant Dean Chatman, and Sergeant CaSandra Lewis; and

WHEREAS, YSU School Resource Officers are worthy of recognition for their exemplary service, including: Officer Andrea Booker, Officer Adrienne Brown, Officer Courtney Compton, Officer Sean Farris, Officer Jonathan Hix, Officer Shameka Jackson, Officer Malynda Jordan, Officer James Mitchell, Officer Robert Pope, Officer Aaron Watkins, Officer Anthony White, and Officer Ryan Williams; and

WHEREAS, YSU's Youth Program Coordinator, Officer Eddie Hawkins, is worthy of recognition for his exemplary service; and

WHEREAS, non-YSU officers who assist with youth programs are also worthy of recognition for their exemplary service, including: Sergeant Sabreen Robinson, Officer Gatsby Alexander, and Officer Larry Brown; 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 Cincinnati Police Department's Youth Services Unit for their contributions to the safety and future of youth in the City of Cincinnati.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to the leadership of the Cincinnati Police Department's Youth Services Unit through the office of Councilmember Scotty Johnson.

Passed: _____, 2023

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Scotty Johnson