

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2025**

**RECOGNIZING** Annie Ruth Napier as a 2025 Black History Month honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for her years of dedication and service to the Black Community and to the City of Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, Annie Ruth Napier is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, and has dedicated over four decades of her life to enriching the City of Cincinnati through her work as a visual artist, poet, author, advocate, and community leader, including serving as the president of the Roselawn Community Council; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Napier has earned both national and international recognition for her artistic works and expressions that hope to foster unity, empower youth, and promote the arts; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Napier is a proud alumna of the Cincinnati Public Schools, having graduated from Aiken High School, and has served as a community leader in the City and the President of her own fine art company; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Napier is a proud veteran of the United States Air Force Reserves, having served for eight years, and earned several honors and commendations for her service; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Napier has been a devoted and unwavering advocate for social justice, reading literacy, and self-empowerment, working to uplift and empower women and bringing the arts to youth and underserved communities; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council recognize Annie Ruth Napier as a 2025 Black History Month honoree for her years of dedication and service to the Black Community and to the City of Cincinnati.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Ms. Napier through the office of President Pro Tem and Councilmember Victoria Parks.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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

Submitted by Vice Mayor Jean-Michelle Lemon Kearney, President Pro Tem and Councilmember Victoria Parks, and Councilmembers Anna Albi, Jeff Cramerding, Mark Jeffreys, Scotty Johnson, Meeka Owens, and Seth Walsh.