

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2021**

**RECOGNIZING** and honoring Roy Edward Winston, II, for his thirty-three years of service to the City of Cincinnati and its Fire Department, culminating in his skillful leadership and retirement as Chief of the Fire Department.

WHEREAS, Chief Winston joined the Cincinnati Fire Department on August 7, 1988, at age eighteen, and moved through the ranks from firefighter to Fire Chief for Districts 1 and 4 and the Fire Communications Center, as well as the Assistant Fire Chief of the Operations and Human Resources Divisions; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2017, he was sworn in as Interim Fire Chief, where he quickly demonstrated his exemplary qualifications to permanently head the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, upon unanimous recommendation, Chief Winston was sworn in by the City Manager as Chief of the Fire Department on June 8, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Chief Winston has consistently cared about preserving the well-being and property of the City of Cincinnati and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, as Chief he developed innovative organizational strategies, managed mission-critical systems, and implemented new technologies, such as the 800 MHZ radio system, computer-aided dispatch system, mobile data solutions, and the EPA water security initiative; and

WHEREAS, Chief Winston successfully oversaw day-to-day activities of the Fire Department, including managing large cross-functional teams and strategic initiatives in human resources and operations; and

WHEREAS, Chief Winston's vision for the Fire Department included maintaining its status as a leader in responding to all hazards, while sustaining strategic community partnerships and continuing to develop efficiencies in service; and

WHEREAS, as Chief, he also prioritized providing exceptional customer service to the community and staying in touch with citizens' needs; and

WHEREAS, Chief Winston enjoyed excellent rapport with uniformed and non-uniformed Fire Department staff, which aided in enhancing the department's responsiveness to the community; and

WHEREAS, Chief Winston has received numerous awards and commendations during his career, including recognition by the Cincinnati Rotary Club for leadership in 2006; and

WHEREAS, he has also served on the boards of the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the Cincinnati Fire Museum, the Hamilton County (OH) Fire Chiefs Association, the INTERSCHUTZ USA Advisory Board, and many other organizations; and

WHEREAS, Chief Winston has volunteered his leadership in the educational arena, serving on the Advisory Boards of Scarlet Oaks Workforce and the Western Hills Law & Public Safety Program; and

WHEREAS, he has also mentored students at Western Hills and Princeton High Schools, and has participated as a reader at Roberts Academy and the Ethel M. Taylor Academy Black History Month Celebration; and

WHEREAS, Chief Winston holds an associate degree in Business Administration from Kaplan University, and a bachelor's degree in Human Resources Management from Columbia Southern University; 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 Roy Edward Winston, II, for his thirty-three years of service to the City of Cincinnati and the Cincinnati Fire Department, and for his skillful leadership and retirement as Chief of the Fire Department.

Section 2. That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Roy Edward Winston, II through the office of Vice Mayor Smitherman.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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John Cranley, Mayor

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

Submitted by Vice Mayor Smitherman