

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2025

RECOGNIZING the Lang Thang Group as a 2025 Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Month honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and Council for the Lang Thang Group's dedication to building a more inclusive, diverse, and welcoming city through cultural leadership, community engagement, and entrepreneurship.

WHEREAS, the Lang Thang Group has played a foundational role in uplifting Cincinnati's Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander ("AANHPI") community, launching beloved culinary institutions like Pho Lang Thang, Quan Hapa, the Hi-Mark, and Lang Thang Coffee Co., all of which serve as cultural anchors and spaces of gathering, belonging, and identity; and

WHEREAS, the Lang Thang Group put Cincinnati on the national stage in 2014 when Pho Lang Thang was featured on Food Network's Diners, Drive-ins, and Dives hosted by Guy Fieri; and

WHEREAS, the Lang Thang Group has served as an anchor and catalyst for the growth of AANHPI-owned businesses in Cincinnati, fostering an ecosystem of support, inspiration, and opportunity that has enabled the broader community to thrive, and has consistently empowered the next generation of small business owners, culinary innovators, grassroots non-profit organizations, and leaders, serving as both an advocate and inspiration for a diverse and representative Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, the Lang Thang Group, under the leadership of Bao Nguyen, has gone on to support the development of Asianati, a nonprofit cultural organization that continues to elevate AANHPI culture in Cincinnati through storytelling, media, and large-scale cultural events such as Asian Food Fest and the Asianati Night Market at BLINK; and

WHEREAS, beyond business success, the Lang Thang Group has shaped the social and cultural landscape of the city, building an inclusive and affirming community that encourages Asian Americans to plant roots, thrive, and envision a future for themselves and their families here in Cincinnati; 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 Lang Thang Group as a 2025 Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander ("AANHPI") Month honoree for their lasting contributions to Cincinnati's AANHPI community and for creating spaces, stories, and systems that highlight the richness of Asian American culture in our city.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to the Lang Thang Group through the office of Councilmember Seth Walsh.

Passed: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

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