

## RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2022

**RECOGNIZING** and expressing the appreciation of the Mayor and Council of the City of Cincinnati to Dr. Vanessa Y. White during Women's History Month 2022, for her outstanding contributions to the City of Cincinnati regarding the rights of children, racial equity, and bettering Cincinnati for all residents.

WHEREAS, Dr. White was born and raised in Cincinnati, graduating from Walnut Hills High School and completing an undergraduate degree at the University of Cincinnati, a Master of Business Administration degree at Xavier University, and a doctoral degree in educational studies, with a concentration in policy, at the University of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Dr. White was elected to the Cincinnati Board of Education, devoting her tenure to working toward equitable student growth and achievement, increased parent and community engagement, and expanded opportunities for all students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. White continued to advocate for the rights of children by playing a key leadership role in the successful passage of Issue 44 (commonly known as "Cincinnati Preschool Promise"), guaranteeing children in the City of Cincinnati access to two years of quality preschool education; and

WHEREAS, after passage of Issue 44, Dr. White was called upon to establish the "Cincinnati Preschool Promise" organization, which has since made early childhood education available to thousands of children whose families previously could not afford it; and

WHEREAS, Dr. White has served on numerous impressive boards and committees, including the Mayor's Youth Commission of Cincinnati, the city-wide Youth Summit Sub-Committee, Parents for Public Schools, Lighthouse Youth Services, UpSpring, and the Art Academy of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, during her time as Chief of Staff for Councilmember Greg Landsman, Dr. White helped to establish the "Represent" initiative, paving the way for greater opportunities for Black-owned businesses in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood; spearheaded the creation and ratification of several pieces of comprehensive eviction prevention legislation; and supported the formation of Cincinnati's first Children and Families Cabinet; and

WHEREAS, Dr. White's tireless pursuit of a thriving, conscientious Cincinnati inspired her to serve as the Senior Vice President of the Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio, where the children and families of Cincinnati remained her first priority; and

WHEREAS, Dr. White currently serves on the Cincinnati NAACP Executive Committee as its Second Vice President, and as chair of its Freedom Fund, Policy and Oversight, and

Scholarship committees, working to eliminate racial hatred and discrimination and to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of all persons; 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 Dr. Vanessa Y. White during Women's History Month 2022 for her outstanding contributions to the City of Cincinnati regarding the rights of children, racial equity, and bettering Cincinnati for all residents.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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

Submitted by Councilmember Greg Landsman