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RESOLUTION NO. _____-2024

RECOGNIZING Bloom OTR and the Drag Cast at Bloom OTR as 2024 Pride Month honorees and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for their committed work to supporting the LGBTQ+ community in Cincinnati through Charity Drag shows and the establishment of fun, safe spaces for Queer love, joy, and art to thrive in Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, Bloom OTR was established June 22, 2022, and has served over 95,000 Patrons since its opening; and

WHEREAS, while Bloom OTR is home to a cast of several local Drag Queens, it still hosts a multitude of other performers from the Cincinnati area as well as Dayton, Columbus, and many other cities across the country; and

WHEREAS, the Drag Cast at Bloom OTR hosts weekly shows where members of the cast perform a variety of songs and feature a diverse cast of artists that encompasses the wide range of identities present in the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, the Drag Cast at Bloom OTR regularly uses its weekly shows to raise funds for other community organizations and important causes; and

WHEREAS, the Drag Cast at Bloom OTR raised \$12,000 for Transform Cincy during its semi-annual Charity Drag Show; and

WHEREAS, the Drag Cast at Bloom OTR raised \$1,300 for Cincinnati Black Pride during its Black History Month Benefit Show; and

WHEREAS, the Drag Cast at Bloom OTR raised \$500 for Cincinnati Pride for a Pride Mural Sponsorship; and

WHEREAS, the Drag Cast at Bloom OTR raised \$1,200 for Transform Cincy during the Annual Turnabout Shows; and

WHEREAS, the Drag Cast at Bloom OTR plans to continue its fundraising and advocacy for the LGBTQ+ community 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 recognize Bloom OTR and the Drag Cast at Bloom OTR for their committed work supporting the LGBTQ+ community in Cincinnati

through Charity Drag shows and establishing fun, safe spaces for Queer love, joy, and art to thrive in Cincinnati.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Bloom OTR and the Drag Cast at Bloom OTR through the Office of Councilmember Meeka Owens.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Meeka Owens