

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2024

RECOGNIZING Margaret Long as a National Gun Violence Survivors Week honoree; and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and Council for her selfless service to her community.

WHEREAS, Margaret Long is a gun violence survivor as a result of a gunshot injury to her spine, and for over thirty years has been telling her story to inspire others and keep kids from making bad decisions that lead to lifelong injuries; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Long was crowned Ms. Wheelchair Ohio USA in 2011 and 2022, focusing on gun violence prevention as her platform; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Long collaborates with local government, law enforcement, survivors, and other advocates to help prevent gun violence in our city; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Long is an advocate for accessibility in her neighborhood and is now able to travel to the grocery store without driving her wheelchair in the street; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Long received the Fifth Third Bank Profile in Courage Award and the Visionary Leadership Award in recognition of her work volunteering with Out of the Crossfire and CeaseFire Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Long is a current board member of UnHeard Voices of Gun Violence Survivors, which organizes social events such as book bag drives and skating parties for kids in at-risk neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Long is a current board member of the Department of Developmental Disabilities, a member of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, and serves on the local Community Outreach Team for Everytown for Gun Safety; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati is a safer community because of Ms. Long's inspiration and advocacy; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Mayor and Council hereby recognize Margaret Long as a National Gun Violence Survivors Week honoree.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Margaret Long through the office of Councilmember Anna Albi.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Anna Albi, Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney, and Councilmembers Victoria Parks, Mark Jefferys, Scotty Johnson, Meeka Owens, and Seth Walsh