

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2021

RECOGNIZING and expressing the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati to the Black Round Table at the University of Cincinnati during Black History Month 2021 for its pioneering efforts to improve the lives of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) students at the University of Cincinnati and at university campuses throughout the State of Ohio.

WHEREAS, there is a significant legacy of activism for equity and inclusion on college campuses, including at the University of Cincinnati where the organization Quadres was founded in the 1930s to advocate for Black students at the University of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, student-leader Kish Richardson understands the importance of unity as a tool to achieve racial justice and led the formation of the Black Round Table at the University of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, the Black Round Table, a collective composed of more than 20 student-led organizations, aims to promote cohesion and intentional communication between groups on campus and to serve as a platform to petition for institutional change at the University of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, in the summer of 2020, the Black Round Table formally submitted a list of ten tangible demands to the University of Cincinnati Administration, calling for systemic change with the objective of fostering a safe and equitable environment for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC); and

WHEREAS, Kish Richardson and the Black Round Table have worked diligently to achieve their goals, resulting in amendments to the University of Cincinnati Police Department's collective bargaining agreement with the goal of promoting increased accountability and transparency in campus policing; and

WHEREAS, the Black Round Table actively works to create a better future for University of Cincinnati students and scholars, assisting in the establishment of the Ohio Black Student Association, a collaborative group that advocates for the advancement of Black students statewide; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the Black Round Table at the University of Cincinnati during Black History Month 2021 for its positive impact on the City of 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 Black Round Table at the University of Cincinnati during Black History Month for its pioneering efforts to improve the lives of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) students at the University of Cincinnati and at university campuses throughout the State of Ohio.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and copies be provided by Councilmember Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney's office.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney