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**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2024**

**RECOGNIZING** the Honorable Judge Donte Johnson as a 2024 Black History Month honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati to Judge Johnson for his contributions and passion for the people of Hamilton County.

WHEREAS, Judge Donte Johnson was born in Cincinnati's West End area, grew up in the West End and Avondale neighborhoods, and he is a Cincinnati Public Schools graduate from Clark Montessori High School; and

WHEREAS, Judge Johnson received his undergraduate degree in Communications and Culture at Howard University, returning to Cincinnati for his Juris Doctorate degree at the University of Cincinnati's College of Law; and

WHEREAS, Judge Johnson served Hamilton County as a public defender and housing attorney for many years before starting his own law practice; and

WHEREAS, Judge Johnson was elected to the Hamilton County Municipal Court bench on November 2, 2021, and was re-elected on November 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Judge Johnson has devoted his time to leading his community with compassion, equity, and justice, serving as a motivational speaker to the youth and new attorneys; and

WHEREAS, Judge Johnson is a member of various programs working to promote social justice, including the American Judges Association, the Ohio Black Judges Association, the National Bar Association, the Ohio Bar Association, the Cincinnati Bar Association, the Black Lawyers Association of Cincinnati, the Cincinnati NAACP, as well as the League of the United Latin American Citizens; and

WHEREAS, Judge Johnson has worked for justice, equity, and impartiality of Hamilton County and is a dedicated, driven, and optimistic leader within the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County's justice system; 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 Honorable Judge Donte Johnson for his dedication to the City of Cincinnati through his passion for the people of Cincinnati and his diligence in working to sustain an impartial justice system.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Judge Donte Johnson through the office of Councilmember Victoria Parks.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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

Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Victoria Parks