

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2022

RECOGNIZING and honoring Sherry Hughes for her exceptional leadership as a community and health advocate and as a passionate breast cancer survivor who works tirelessly to educate and raise awareness about breast cancer to everyone, including women of color, who according to the American Cancer Society, are 40% more likely to die of breast cancer than other women and are twice as likely to die if they are over age 50.

WHEREAS, Sherry Hughes lost her mother, Lille, to breast cancer when she was just a young girl and has been a lifelong advocate for breast cancer screenings, self-breast examination, genetic testing, and additional breast imaging such as the breast MRI, which detected Sherry's cancer when nothing else did; and

WHEREAS, Sherry was diagnosed with invasive ductal carcinoma in July 2019, and she credits divine intervention, her relentless self-advocacy, and her close relationship with her OBGYN for playing a major role in the early discovery of her cancer; and

WHEREAS, Sherry's work, advocacy, and commitment to our community's health continues in her role as Director of Strategic Community Engagement and Spokesperson for Cincinnati Cancer Advisors ("CCA") and as a Patient Brand Ambassador for Nerlynx, a prescription medication for HER2+ breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, through her work at CCA, Sherry and her team provide free second opinion consultation and referrals, precision oncology evaluations, and genetic risk assessments, and CCA leverages expert oncology innovations, trials, and clinical studies to improve the care of its patients, and with world-class oncologists and clinicians who are dedicated to helping all cancer patients in the Greater Cincinnati Region and beyond, Sherry and CCA ensure that patients receive the best plan of care to improve their outcomes; and

WHEREAS, along with her advocacy and commitment to our community's health, Sherry contributed to the passage of Ohio House Bill 371, the "Breast Cancer Law," as a proponent, speaker, and advocate; and

WHEREAS, Sherry has served the Greater Cincinnati region as a trusted meteorologist/journalist for more than 25 years, and Sherry's career as a meteorologist/journalist over the past two-plus decades has led her to cities including Tampa, Phoenix, and Raleigh-Durham; and as a native of South Carolina, Sherry graduated from the University of South Carolina's School of Journalism and Mississippi State University's Broadcast Meteorology Program; and she is a long-standing member and holds the Television Seal of Approval from the American Meteorological Society and is a member of the National Weather Association and The Greater Cincinnati and National Association of Black Journalists; and

WHEREAS, Sherry is a mentor with the Cincinnati Youth Collaborative, is an American Cancer Society ResearchHERS Ambassador, serves as a Cincinnati Parks Foundation Women's Committee member, a Cincinnati Chapter of the Links Incorporated member, a University of South Carolina Alumni Life member, and a University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music Power Board member, and Sherry's commitment to our community is further demonstrated by her generously serving as an emcee, host, and guest speaker for many community events; and

WHEREAS, Sherry is an outstanding example of a dedicated leader who works tirelessly to improve and serve our community through her continued commitment to our community in all her capacities — from advocating for cancer patients and survivors by raising awareness, to serving as a trusted and beloved local meteorologist/journalist; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati recognizes the powerful and positive impact Sherry continues to have in our community, especially for women, families, and all those affected by a diagnosis of breast cancer; 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 Sherry Hughes for her many contributions to the City of Cincinnati, her continued and longstanding dedication to our community, and her advocacy to improve the health of citizens of the City of Cincinnati.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and a copy be provided to Sherry Hughes by the Council Office of Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney.

Passed: _____, 2022

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney