

RESOLUTION NO. 39 -2021

**RECOGNIZING** and honoring Anthony Cody for their advocacy on behalf of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (“LGBTQ+”) community in Cincinnati and elsewhere.

WHEREAS, June is LGBT Pride Month, which celebrates the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community and recognizes the impact LGBTQ+ individuals have had on the City of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Anthony served as a Pediatric AIDS Buddy with the Gay Men’s Health Crisis, beginning their journey toward civic engagement and fundraising efforts that have continued for over 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Anthony has tirelessly partnered for decades in promoting safe and affirming public spaces such as the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, the Gay Men’s Health Crisis, and the Audre Lorde Project; and

WHEREAS, Anthony has directed, chaired and hosted fundraising events for the Gay Men’s Health Crisis, the Imperial Court of New York City, PFLAG Cincinnati, AIDS Volunteers of Cincinnati, Pride Night at the Cincinnati Opera, AIDS Volunteers of Northern Kentucky, Planned Parenthood, Women Helping Women, the YWCA Breast Cancer Awareness Fund, Caracole, the Cincinnati Men’s Chorus, the Martha Kidd Foundation, the Cincinnati Pride Foundation, the LGBT Resource Center at Kansas State University, Miami University’s Center for Student Diversity & Inclusion, the Human Rights Campaign of Greater Cincinnati, the University of Cincinnati’s LGBTQ Center, Toys for Tots, the Freestore FoodBank, Cincinnati Public Schools, the Cabaret Cares Holiday Project, the Trevor Project, the ISQCCBE, the Transgender Health Clinic at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital, and many others; and

WHEREAS, Anthony has traveled the world representing Cincinnati as an alumnus of Season 5 of “RuPaul’s Drag Race,” championing social integrity, equality that embraces an individual’s rights to their distinctness, and the march toward a more equitable system of justice; and

WHEREAS, Anthony was invited by the Cincinnati Enquirer to serve as a panelist with Jim Obergefell, civil rights activist and plaintiff in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, the U.S. Supreme Court decision legalizing same-sex marriage in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of *Obergefell*, Anthony became an ordained minister, and gladly officiates the marriages of members of the Cincinnati LGBTQ+ community; and

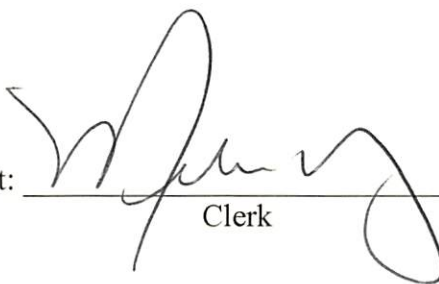
WHEREAS, Anthony diligently promotes representation, equality, inclusion, fairness, and justice, especially in the LGBTQ+ community; now, therefore,

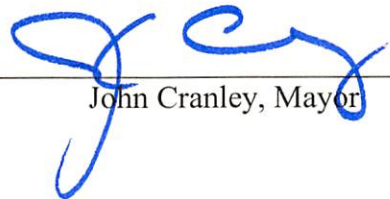
BE IT RESOLVED by the council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and Council of the City of Cincinnati hereby recognize Anthony Cody for their advocacy on behalf of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (“LGBTQ+”) community in Cincinnati and elsewhere.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and copies be provided to Anthony Cody through the office of Councilmember Chris Seelbach.

Passed: June 9, 2021

Attest:   
Clerk

  
John Cranley, Mayor

Submitted by Councilmember Seelbach