

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2024

RECOGNIZING Quiera Levy Smith as a 2024 City of Cincinnati Black History Month honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for her decades of volunteerism, leadership, and promotion of the arts within the Black community and around the City of Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, Quiera Levy Smith has been working to connect Cincinnatians, particularly our Black community, to the arts for the duration of her career through her work with 5/3 Bank, Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park, People's Liberty, the Taft Museum of Art, and many more great organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Levy Smith founded Browngirls Productions, an arts-based consulting firm that creates cultural connections, assists in the production of events, forums, and festivals such as the Middfest International, and partners with organizations such as Cincinnati Arts Association and Paycor; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Levy Smith has worked as a member of the Duncanson Society Artist in Residence Selection Committee, where she worked to affirm an ongoing presence of African American artists and culture across the structure of the Taft Museum of Art; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Levy Smith has served as the Chair, Co-Chair, and as a member of the Multicultural Awareness Council for the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, and through those positions, Mrs. Levy Smith has worked to increase the representation of black, latine, and other underrepresented voices within the Orchestra; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Levy Smith has been honored as a 2020 Dada Rafiki winner and was featured in the 2020 edition of the Artswave book *Imagineers Impresarios Inventors: Cincinnati's Arts and the Power of Her*; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Levy Smith has served on the Board of Directors for the Friends of Music Hall, Avondale Community Arts Program, Mutual Dance Theatre, Chamber Music Cincinnati, Concert Nova, Contemporary Dance Theater, and others; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Levy Smith has donated time, treasure, and talent to the Cincinnati community, serving in multiple capacities to bring quality arts performances to underserved communities, while working to open pathways for performance and residency for local artists, and Mrs. Levy Smith has been a critical asset to the growth of culture in this City; 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 Quiera Levy Smith as a 2024 City of Cincinnati Black History Month honoree for her decades of volunteerism, leadership, and promotion of the arts within the Black community and around the City of Cincinnati.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Quiera Levy Smith through the office of Councilmember Reggie Harris.

Passed _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilman Reggie Harris