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RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2026

RECOGNIZING the Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board as a 2026 Mental Health Awareness Month honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for the Board's dedicated work in mental health, addiction, and prevention services.

WHEREAS, nearly one in five American adults experiences a diagnosable mental health condition in any given year; and

WHEREAS, approximately 46 percent of Americans will meet the criteria for a diagnosable mental health condition at some point in their lives, with half of those developing a condition by the age of fourteen; and

WHEREAS, conditions such as anxiety, bipolar disorder, depression, and suicidal thoughts affect many individuals, and these challenges can often lead to substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board plans, funds, and evaluates a comprehensive system of public behavioral health care for Hamilton County residents, ensuring access to mental health and addiction services for individuals in need and their caretakers; and

WHEREAS, the Board partners with local nonprofit agencies to expand access to prevention, treatment, and recovery services that promote mental wellness and reduce the impact of substance use disorders across the community; and

WHEREAS, for more than forty years, the Board has funded mobile crisis services in Hamilton County, including through a partnership with the University of Cincinnati Medical Center, and has coordinated those services with broader system-access partners such as Central Clinic Behavioral Health, bringing decades of expertise in field-based crisis response and coordination of complex systems of care; and

WHEREAS, the Board's strong collaborations and continued commitment help build a community-based system of care in which individuals can move from crisis to stability with dignity and hope; 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 Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board as a 2026 Mental Health Awareness Month honoree for the Board's diligent work in mental health, addiction, and prevention services.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to the Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board through the office of Councilmember Anna Albi.

Passed: _____, 2026

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Anna Albi