

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2025**

**RECOGNIZING** the Hamilton County Suicide Prevention Coalition and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for the Coalition's compassionate and dedicated service to the community.

WHEREAS, mental health is a critical component of overall health, and one in five adults experience a mental health problem in any given year; and

WHEREAS, approximately half of chronic mental illnesses begin by age fourteen, and three-quarters by age 24, with long delays often occurring between the onset of symptoms and when individuals receive help; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, suicide was the second highest cause of death among Ohioans ages ten to fourteen and twenty to 34, and was the twelfth-leading cause of death overall, with an average of nearly five Ohioans dying by suicide each day, including one individual ages ten to 24 every 36 hours; and

WHEREAS, the United States has one of the highest suicide rates among high-income nations, with gun suicide rates that are nearly twelve times higher, and with suicides accounting for nearly six out of every ten gun deaths; and

WHEREAS, up to ninety percent of people who die by suicide had experienced prior symptoms of a mental health condition, according to interviews with family, friends, and medical professionals; and

WHEREAS, learning to recognize the symptoms of mental illness encourages early identification and treatment, which can significantly improve outcomes by supporting mental health and promoting successful recoveries; and

WHEREAS, every citizen and community can help end the silence and stigma surrounding mental illness by supporting public education and civic activities that encourage mental health awareness and improve the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness; and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Suicide Prevention Coalition empowers citizens through awareness, support, and connection — working to ensure no one faces mental health challenges alone by providing life-saving resources, promoting help-seeking behaviors, raising public consciousness about suicide prevention, and dismantling the silence and stigma around mental health; 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 Hamilton County Suicide Prevention Coalition for their tireless dedication to suicide prevention and mental health in support of the safety and well-being of our community.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council, and that a copy be provided to the Hamilton County Suicide Prevention Coalition through the office of Councilmember Anna Albi.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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

Submitted by Councilmember Anna Albi