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**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2023**

**RECOGNIZING** Gwen McFarlin as a 2023 City of Cincinnati Black History Month honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for her service to the Black community and residents of the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County.

WHEREAS, Ms. McFarlin received a Bachelor’s degree in Nursing from Miami University, followed by a Master’s degree in Healthcare Administration from the University of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McFarlin has been a longtime activist in Cincinnati and in Hamilton County fighting for racial equity and social justice; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McFarlin was the first Black woman to be elected as a Springfield Township Trustee, where she served from 1995 until 2018; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McFarlin was the first Black woman to be elected as Chair of the Hamilton County Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McFarlin has worked with many notable figures in Cincinnati government, such as Marian Spencer and Roxanne Qualls; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McFarlin serves as Chair of the Hamilton County Board of Elections and has overseen multiple election cycles with record turnout; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McFarlin has volunteered with Junior Achievement and the Girl Scouts of America to guide young people on a path to success; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McFarlin has shown herself to be a true public servant and has dedicated her life to serving the residents of Cincinnati and Hamilton County; 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 Gwen McFarlin for her dedication and years of service to the City of Cincinnati.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Ms. McFarlin through the office of Councilmember Victoria Parks.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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

Submitted by Councilmember Victoria Parks