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City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. 307

- 2023

**DECLARING** that Glenwood Avenue at Vine Street in the Avondale neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of "Lincoln Ware Way" in honor of Lincoln Ware and in recognition of his contributions and dedication to the City of Cincinnati through his pioneering work in local media and his community and civic leadership.

WHEREAS, born and raised in Cincinnati, Lincoln Ware is a proud Woodward High School graduate, attended The Ohio State University for one year and subsequently enlisted into the United States Marine Corps, and as a marine, he was a member of the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ware served a three-year tour aboard the USS Midway Aircraft Carrier where he worked as a DJ; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, Lincoln Ware officially began his radio career when he joined the staff of WCIN as a disc jockey, and by 1993, he was hosting The Lincoln Ware Show; he later worked at the WIZ, WPFB-AM, and 700 WLW-AM and he continues today with "The Lincoln Ware Show" on WDBZ as well as hosting "Cincinnati Issues with Lincoln Ware," a television show aired weekly on WSTR 64 every Sunday at 6:30 a.m., and he makes appearances nationally on CNN, FOX News, and MSNBC; and

WHEREAS, WCIN was the second-oldest Black radio station in the United States and was located on Glenwood Avenue in the Cincinnati neighborhood of Avondale; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Ware has been honored locally and nationally, being included in America's Top 100 Talk Show Hosts for 10 consecutive years; being named one of America's Most Important Radio Talk Show Hosts by Talker's Magazine; and receiving a key to the City of Cincinnati to commemorate his 30-year radio career in 2003, the Crime Stopper of the Year (Media) Award in 2016, Men of Honor in 2018, and UC Health Humanitarian Award in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Ware created The Lincoln Ware Walking Club to promote health and wellness within the African American community and is an avid runner, participating annually in the Senior Olympics nationally and locally, and he walked 107 miles from Cincinnati to Columbus with Ohio Senate Minority Leader Eric H. Kearney to promote childhood health; and

WHEREAS, 2023 marks the 50th year of Lincoln Ware's radio career, making him the longest running local radio personality on-air in Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, while Lincoln Ware has a strong commitment to our community and media, his wife, Sharon, and four children, Tia, Tamiko, Rodney and Darryl, three grandchildren, Kobe, Isis and Maya, and dog Beau continue to be his first priority; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Ware has made a lasting impact to the Cincinnati local media community and to health and wellness within the African American community, and his legacy, contributions, and dedication to the City of Cincinnati and its citizens will long be remembered; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That Glenwood Avenue at Vine Street in the Avondale neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Lincoln Ware Way” in honor of Lincoln Ware and in recognition of his contributions and dedication to the City of Cincinnati through local media and public service.

Section 2. That the appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to implement the provisions of Section 1 herein, including the generation and installation of appropriate secondary street signage, which shall designate Glenwood Avenue at Vine Street as “Lincoln Ware Way” in accordance with the Department of Transportation and Engineering’s procedures relating to street designation and related signage.

Section 3. That a copy of this ordinance be sent to Lincoln Ware via the office of Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to allow the Department of Transportation and Engineering to move forward

with the administrative requirements related to the honorary naming of streets to provide for the ceremony and dedication of the honorary street name at the earliest possible time.

Passed: September 7, 2023

Jan. Michele Lem Kary  
VICE Mayor

Attest: [Signature]  
Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ORDINANCE NO 307-2023  
WAS PUBLISHED IN THE CITY BULLETIN  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER ON 9/19/2023  
Melissa Antley  
CLERK OF COUNCIL