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RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2024

RECOGNIZING April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and **EXPRESSING** solidarity with survivors of sexual violence and showing the support of the Mayor and Council for all survivors of sexual violence.

WHEREAS, one in five women and one in 67 men experience some form of sexual violence in their lifetimes, though the scope is not fully known due to underreporting; and

WHEREAS, women and children, specifically women of color, disabled folx, and members of the LGBTQIA+ community are disproportionately affected by violence; and

WHEREAS, most sexual violence is committed by someone the survivor knows, including intimate partners, acquaintances, or family members; and

WHEREAS, sexual violence negatively impacts public health, community vitality, and the economy; and

WHEREAS, survivors are never at fault for their abuse; and

WHEREAS, survivors deserve equitable access to healing; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council recognize April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and express support for all survivors of sexual violence and all advocates for sexual violence prevention.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Women Helping Women, YWCA, Xavier Brave, It's On Us UC, and Take Back the Night through the office of Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney