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**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2024**

**RECOGNIZING** Rev. Nelson Pierce as a 2024 City of Cincinnati Black History Month honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for his lifetime of work uplifting his community through preaching, activism, and service.

WHEREAS, Rev. Nelson Pierce is the senior pastor of Beloved Community Church in Mt. Airy, the co-deputy executive director of the National Black Workers Center, and a dedicated local activist; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Rev. Nelson Pierce led an effort to mobilize local churches around Cincinnati getting more than 5,000 voters out to the polls, and has continued activating and organizing with the local faith community; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Nelson Pierce has been active in the fight for civil rights his whole life, organizing in 2014 in Ferguson, Missouri after Mike Brown was murdered, and working to establish the Cincinnati Bail Project during the protests following the murder of George Floyd in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Nelson Pierce has been a steady voice of moral clarity locally, providing the community with spiritual guidance during some of our most troubled times; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Nelson Pierce is recognized nationwide for his thoughtfulness, dedication to justice, and his commitment to uplifting all oppressed peoples; 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 Rev. Nelson Pierce for his decades of service to his community, his commitment to uplifting all people, and his dedication to increasing local civic engagement.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Rev. Nelson Pierce through the office of Councilmember Reggie Harris.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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

Submitted by Councilmember Reggie Harris