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RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2025

RECOGNIZING the Espinoza, Leon, and Jaime families as 2025 Small Business Month honorees, and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and Council for the families' exceptional contributions to the Hispanic business community, women business leaders, and the Cincinnati community at large.

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Espinoza, Leon, and Jaime families were inspired to create a unique Mexican restaurant called Mi Cozumel, highlighting foods with bold flavors and unique styles of cooking; and

WHEREAS, Mi Cozumel is home to the unforgettable "flaming fajitas," more than forty flavors of margaritas, and the famous "Margarita Tower," all served in what its proprietors rightfully describe as "a festive and hospitable restaurant rich in heritage"; and

WHEREAS, since the opening of its first location, Mi Cozumel has expanded to four total locations with five more opening in 2025; and

WHEREAS, across all locations, Mi Cozumel currently employs more than 250 members of the community, sixty percent of whom have now been with the business for over one year, and with five new locations, total staffing levels will expand to nearly 500 employees; and

WHEREAS, the Espinoza, Leon, and Jaime families operate on the philosophy that giving back to the community is a continuous responsibility, and they invest in women's shelters and local immigration organizations as they strive to give back to those in need; and

WHEREAS, the Espinoza, Leon, and Jaime families aim to foster confidence and pride in each of their employees, creating a space where they can be themselves, pursue opportunities for growth, and see that there are no limits to what they can achieve; and

WHEREAS, Mi Cozumel relies on the leadership and strength of the women in the Espinoza, Leon, and Jaime families and gives back to that community through participation in women-owned business events and female entrepreneur groups; 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 the Espinoza, Leon, and Jaime families as 2025 Small Business Month honorees for their exceptional contributions to the Hispanic business community, women business leaders, and the Cincinnati community at large.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that copies be provided to the Espinoza, Leon, and Jaime families through the office of Councilmember Evan Nolan.

Passed: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Evan Nolan