

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2022

RECOGNIZING Jen Scott as a 2022 City of Cincinnati Pride Month honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for her continuous leadership and work with Cincinnati Pride and other organizations in the City of Cincinnati, and her dedication to advancing LGBTQIA+ justice, equality for all persons, and the protection of our sacred democracy.

WHEREAS, Jen Scott went to Northwestern College and pursued a career in IT; and while maintaining a successful professional career, Jen felt called to more fervently advocate for equality and began to pursue activism specifically surrounding uplifting the LGBTQIA+ community; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Jen Scott began working with organizations that fight hiring discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity, in addition to working to uphold the separation of Church and State; this work inspired Jen to co-found her own organization, Community of Reason, in January of 2019, which works to uphold the separation of Church and State, specifically on issues of equality; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, Jen Scott began volunteering with American Atheists, a national civil rights organization that works to achieve religious equality for all Americans, as the Midwest Regional Director, providing mentorship and leadership training to multiple grassroots organizations across the region and was appointed to its Board of Directors in 2018 and was recently appointed to the Chair of the Board; and.

WHEREAS, in 2018, Jen Scott became involved with Cincinnati Pride, working to help coordinate the Pride parade and coordinate programs for the LGBTQIA+ community and currently serves as parade chair; director of compliance; co-chair of diversity, equity, and inclusion; and interfaith chair; and

WHEREAS, as parade chair of Cincinnati Pride, Jen Scott has worked to ensure that the Pride parade remains an open, safe, and inclusive space for all people, young, old, confident, or not to authentically be themselves and to be celebrated for that; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Jen Scott began working with Equality Ohio as the Southwest Ohio Regional Organizer, working with the Village of Golf Manor to establish a local nondiscrimination ordinance to establish protections for the LGBTQIA+ community, working with Portsmouth to establish a nondiscrimination code, and helping to update the City of Cincinnati's nondiscrimination code; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, Jen Scott was appointed to the Board of Community Shares of Greater Cincinnati, a federation of nonprofits, that works to build social and economic equity and healthy environment in Greater Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Jen Scott has been a dedicated professional who maintained a career in IT while championing the rights of others, working to address issues of equality across the Midwest, and steadfastly advocating for the LGBTQIA+ community and all those who are underserved and underrepresented; 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 Jen Scott as a 2022 City of Cincinnati Pride Month honoree for her decades of continuous leadership and work with Cincinnati Pride and other organizations in the City of Cincinnati, and her dedication to advancing justice, equality for all persons, and the protection of our sacred democracy.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Jen Scott through the Office of Councilmember Reggie Harris.

Passed: _____, 2022

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Reggie Harris