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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2025

DECLARING that Gholson Avenue at Reading Road in the Avondale neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of "Patricia Milton Way" in honor of Patricia Milton and in recognition of her countless hours of diligent volunteer service in the Avondale neighborhood and in the City of Cincinnati including her efforts to secure a HUD Choice Neighborhood grant which provided 29.5 million dollars in investments to the Reading Road corridor in Avondale.

WHEREAS, Patricia Milton is the daughter of the late Vivian and Rev. James E. Milton, who served as Pastor of Southern Baptist Church for 26 years in the Avondale neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Milton graduated from the University of Cincinnati, DAAP with a Bachelor of Science degree in Design and works as an Interior Decorator specializing in Residential Re-Design; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Milton's volunteer duties include representation at meetings with residents, business leaders, and elected officials; and

WHEREAS, Under Patricia Milton's leadership the Avondale Community Council joined in partnership with neighboring institutions looking beyond brick & mortar projects to focus on the systemic changes needed to improve resident's lives; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Milton worked with a wide variety of stakeholders to develop, implement, and secure the initial funding for the Avondale Development Corporation, the development arm of the community; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Milton's work extends beyond the Avondale community including serving on the board for the Center for Closing the Health Gap; working as the Project Manager from vision to implementation of the Dr. Jenny Laster Community Engagement Academy; training over 450 residents to advocate for their community interests; and working with visionary Mayor Dwight Tillery as the Project Manager for the creation of "The Black Agenda Cincinnati," a group of organizations who work cooperatively to improve the lives of Black Cincinnatians; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Milton affirms "That every Glory be given to God," she credits her faith, the loyalty and support of the Avondale Community Council Board members, residents, volunteers, partners, supporters, and the prayers of many with her continued success; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Milton has made a lasting impact to the Avondale community and to the City of Cincinnati's citizens, and her contributions will long be remembered; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Gholson Avenue at Reading Road in the Avondale neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Patricia Milton Way” in honor of Patricia Milton and her tireless volunteer work to improve the neighborhood of Avondale and the City of Cincinnati.

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 Gholson Avenue at Reading Road in the Avondale neighborhood as “Patricia Milton 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 Patricia Milton and her family 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: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk