

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2025

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RECOGNIZING Pastor Jackie L. Jackson as a National Gun Violence Survivors Week honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and Council for Pastor Jackson's selfless service to his community.

WHEREAS, Pastor Jackie L. Jackson is a Cincinnati native, a father of five, grandfather of 28, and great-grandfather of one; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Jackson serves as a Program Manager on the Survivor Team at Everytown for Gun Safety ("Everytown"), where he works with the Everytown Survivor Network, a nationwide community of gun violence survivors; and

WHEREAS, as Program Manager, Pastor Jackson manages several key initiatives, including Kicking It with Survivor Men, a peer support group for male survivors of gun violence, and the Survivor Fellowship Program, a volunteer advocacy training program for people affected by gun violence; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining Everytown, Pastor Jackson served as a volunteer clergy member with the Cincinnati Police Department's God Squad, and in addition, Pastor Jackson worked as a Community Outreach Advocate for the City of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, as a first responder to shootings and homicides, Pastor Jackson provided on-site counseling, conflict mediation, and assistance to law enforcement, often arriving to discover the victim as someone he knew, and as of today, Pastor Jackson has responded to over 300 shootings and homicide scenes; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Jackson is a survivor of gun violence; at the age of ten, Pastor Jackson was shot by an adult neighbor who had recently been released from a psychiatric hospital; and

WHEREAS, tragically, gun violence continued to affect Pastor Jackson's family beginning in 2007 when his eldest son, Jackie L. Jackson II, survived an act of gun violence during an attempted robbery and survived another attack sixteen years later protecting his home and family; and

WHEREAS, sadly, in 2024, Jackie L. Jackson III, Pastor Jackie's grandson, was murdered as a result of gun violence; and

WHEREAS, within the last eleven years, Pastor Jackson lost ten family members to gun violence and saw nine others wounded in his hometown of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Jackson is driven by advocacy and community service, and thus focuses on a range of life-saving issues, including gun violence prevention, access to affordable health care, anti-crime initiatives, and community organizing; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Jackson is passionate about peace and credits his passion for community peace to his mother, who instilled in him the belief that family extends beyond the home and that we are called to love our neighbors as ourselves; and

WHEREAS, when asked about his mission, Pastor Jackson says he persistently does the necessary work for those who cannot or simply will not do it for themselves; 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 Pastor Jackie L. Jackson as a National Gun Violence Survivors Week honoree.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Pastor Jackie L. Jackson through the office of Councilmember Anna Albi.

Passed: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____

Submitted by Councilmember Anna Albi