

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2023

RECOGNIZING Anthony Simms-Howell as a 2023 Hispanic Heritage Month honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for his contributions as a founding member of the African American and Hispanic Chamber of Commerce as well as his service on the Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs and service with the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, Anthony grew up in the Republic of Panama and, shortly after he and Julieta were wed, with the young couple expecting their first child, they emigrated to the United States when the Panamanian government was overthrown in 1968; and

WHEREAS, after arriving in Cincinnati, he received a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting from Union Institute and University and later became a Commissioner for the Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs, where he has served for over 25 years; and

WHEREAS, the couple began worshiping at Christ Church Cathedral, where they became actively involved with the parish; and

WHEREAS, Anthony became concerned by instances of violence against Hispanic/Latino community members in Price Hill and started working with Santa Maria, which he had first heard about when he began serving on the Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs, to address these issues; and

WHEREAS, Anthony's and Santa Maria's work with Hispanic families in Price Hill initially drew the couple to support Santa Maria, and, in the early 2000s, Santa Maria began assisting the rapidly growing Hispanic/Latino community in Price Hill; and

WHEREAS, the Bienestar program, a Hispanic Health Access Initiative, was in its infancy at Santa Maria when Anthony joined Santa Maria's Board of Directors in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Anthony was proud to be among the board members who created the Bienestar Luncheon, which celebrated Hispanic advocacy and community empowerment, and also included the Sister Margarita Brewer Hope Award, presented to exceptional individuals devoted to enhancing health and education options for the Hispanic/Latino population; and

WHEREAS, Anthony has had an amazing career and continues to serve on various boards and committees, including being a founding member of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce USA, African American Chamber of Commerce, and the League of United Latin American Citizens; and

WHEREAS, he and Julieta have received numerous awards throughout the nation, including being named Champions for Inclusion by Bridges for a Just Community in 2013 for their contributions to the improvement of human relations, inclusion, and justice in the community; and

WHEREAS, Anthony was inducted into the Ohio Civil Rights Hall of Fame in 2011 and selected by the Cincinnati Bengals as the Cincinnati recipient of the NFL Hispanic Heritage Leadership Award in 2014; 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 Anthony Simms-Howell as a 2023 Hispanic Heritage Month honoree for his numerous contributions to the Cincinnati community.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Anthony Simms-Howell through the office of Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney.

Passed: _____, 2023

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney