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RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2025

RECOGNIZING Maria Reyes as a 2025 Small Business Month honoree, and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and Council for her exceptional contributions to the Hispanic business community and the community at large.

WHEREAS, Maria Reyes was born and raised in the Chinchipe province of Peru, attended Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico, and earned her degree in Theology and International Business before moving to Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Reyes started her career working at Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport and then in medical device sales, working tirelessly as a single mother to support her daughter; and

WHEREAS, following financial hardship and unemployment during the 2007-2008 financial crisis, Ms. Reyes founded Cleaning Solutions Specialists with her mother in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Reyes and her fifteen employees see their clients as family, care deeply about ensuring their clients' homes and offices are clean, comfortable, healthy environments, and take pride in their work; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Ms. Reyes and her daughter, Ms. Novoa, created enhanced protocols to provide additional safeguards against the spread of COVID-19, keeping their clients and staff safe and healthy; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Reyes leads a company that not only serves their clients, but also their employees, allowing them to earn good wages and invest in their children's futures; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Reyes devotes her own time and finances to supporting our immigrant community here in Cincinnati, providing clothes and financial assistance; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Reyes' drive to support those around her extends far beyond Cincinnati's immigrant communities, with outreach and assistance to those experiencing homelessness in our city, whether they need financial support, something to eat, or a hug and a kind word; 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 Maria Reyes as a 2025 Small Business Month honoree for her exceptional contributions to the Hispanic business community and the community at large.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Maria Reyes through the office of Councilmember Evan Nolan.

Passed: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Evan Nolan