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RECOGNIZING and honoring Lucretia Bowman as part of the City's recognition of Women's History Month 2022 for her inspirational journey and dedication to helping women and men to address and recover from their trauma.

WHEREAS, Ms. Bowman, a wife, mother, and grandmother residing in Cincinnati, suffered through childhood trauma as a child in foster care, victim of abuse, mental health patient, and eventually became a runaway teenager living a destructive lifestyle through involvement in drugs and crime; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bowman spent many years in prison, but through her faith and help from others, she found the courage to change and regained her own identity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bowman embraced her spiritual life, became a licensed pastor, and has spent over 20 years leading programs that empower people to discover their true identity and recover from addiction, abuse, and incarceration; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bowman and her husband founded Having The Courage To Change Ministry, City Gospel Mission's recovery program for women, and has helped numerous women to address their trauma and pain through community living programs; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bowman has continued to grow the recovery process through all City Gospel Mission Recovery Services, including the Exodus program, which serves men in the recovery and discovery process, and the programs of Living Hope and The Promised Land, that serve as affordable and supportive housing for women and men; 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 Lucretia Bowman as a 2022 City of Cincinnati Women's History Month honoree for her dedication to serving vulnerable, traumatized women and men in our community.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Ms. Bowman through the office of Councilmember Owens.

Attest:

Submitted by Councilmember Meeka D. Owens