

RESOLUTION NO. 77 - 2024

RECOGNIZING Marquicia Jones-Woods as a 2024 National Women’s History Month honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for her extraordinary achievements, tireless advocacy, and enduring legacy of empowerment for women and girls in our community.

WHEREAS, Marquicia Jones-Woods (“Ms. Quicy”) is a community leader and third-generation resident of the West End, where she raised her twins and adopted daughter; and

WHEREAS, in 1982 at the age of sixteen, Ms. Quicy founded Q-Kidz Dance Team, a non-profit group that provides dance and educational programs to kids in her community, thereby giving them positive outlets that keep them off the streets; and

WHEREAS, for 25 years Ms. Quicy worked at the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (“CMHA”), where she served as the Lincoln Court Resident Council President, a Resident Advisor for HOPE VI, and Vice President of the CMHA advisory board; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Quicy was instrumental in securing a \$32 million grant to renovate CMHA’s public housing located behind the Q-Kidz Studio in the West End; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Quicy serves on the Football Club Cincinnati (“FCC”) West End Coalition, which helps strengthen community relations between West End residents and FCC; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Quicy serves on the board of Idea Schools and is a prevention specialist at Taft High School through the Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Programs; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Quicy and Q-Kidz serve more than 100 youth annually by providing a safe and welcoming place for them to dance, and by offering them educational programs through Q-Kidz-4-Life, which are focused on drug and violence prevention, wellness, and enrichment activities to equip youth with essential lifelong skills; and

WHEREAS, under Ms. Quicy’s instruction, the Q-Kidz Dance Team competes in state and national competitions across the United States, and has even performed internationally; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Quicy and Q-Kidz were featured in the award-winning indie film *Fits* and were also invited to perform during Super Bowl Weekend in Los Angeles as the Bengals took on the Rams; and

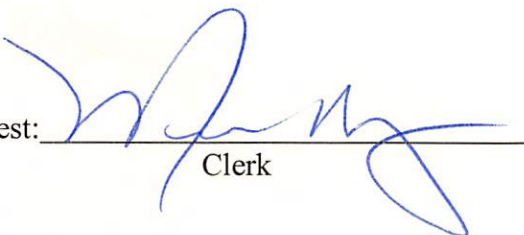
WHEREAS, Ms. Quicy's trailblazing journey serves as a guiding light for young women, inspiring them to embrace their potential, pursue their passions, and defy the limits imposed by society; now, therefore,

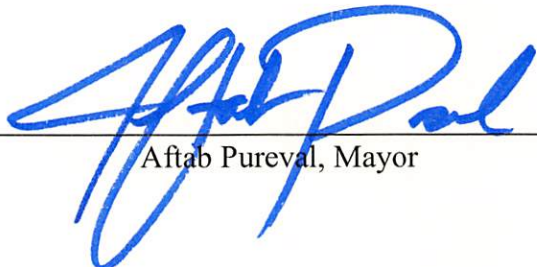
BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council hereby recognize Marquicia Jones-Woods as a 2024 National Women's History Month honoree.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Marquicia Jones-Woods through the office of Councilmember Anna Albi.

Passed: March 20, 2024

Attest: 
Clerk


Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Submitted by Councilmember Anna Albi