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RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2024

RECOGNIZING Karen Rumsey as a National Gun Violence Survivors Week honoree; and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and Council for her selfless service to her community.

WHEREAS, Karen Rumsey leads the Victims Assistance Liaison Unit for the Cincinnati Police Department where she advocates for families of homicide victims; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rumsey co-founded the Cincinnati Citizens Respect Our Witnesses Unit to provide witness protection and support; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rumsey assists at crime scenes to support families with the goal of ensuring no victim or survivor of violence stands alone; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rumsey advocates, empowers, and is present for others experiencing the trauma of victimization; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rumsey started an Emmy-winning documentary project, "Shoot This Not That," to put cameras in the hands of kids instead of weapons, allowing kids to document the pain they experience after violence impacts their lives; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rumsey is a licensed Independent Social Worker with a Supervisor designation from the Ohio Social Worker/Marriage and Family Board; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rumsey was named Social Worker of the Year at the National Association of Social Workers, Ohio Chapter Region 6 Awards Ceremony, in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rumsey was honored by the University of Cincinnati Social Worker Alumni Board with the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rumsey is an active volunteer with youth at her church and within the community; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati is a safer community because of Ms. Rumsey's tireless efforts on behalf of families across the City; 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 Karen Rumsey 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 Karen Rumsey through the office of Councilmember Anna Albi.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Anna Albi, Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney, and Councilmembers Victoria Parks, Reggie Harris, Mark Jefferys, Scotty Johnson, Meeka Owens, and Seth Walsh