

RESOLUTION NO. 37 -2021

RECOGNIZING and honoring Kristin Shrimplin for her advocacy and support of the LGBTQI+ community as the president and chief executive officer of Women Helping Women.

WHEREAS, June is LGBT Pride Month, which celebrates the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (“LGBT”) community and recognizes the impact LGBT individuals have had on the City of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, since 2015 Kristin Shrimplin has served as president and CEO of Women Helping Women (“WHW”), a non-profit agency dedicated to combating gender-based violence and empowering survivors; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 WHW implemented an LGBTQI+ advocate and served over twice as many LGBTQI+ survivors as the previous year, nearly quadrupling the service time provided compared to 2015, and increasing the access to intentional, competent services by 169% in one year; and

WHEREAS, since 2016 the level of services WHW provides to LGBTQI+ survivors has increased annually by an average of 23%; and

WHEREAS, these services include support and intervention arising from sexual assault, intimate partner violence, and stalking, including hotline assistance, accompaniment to hospitals and courts, court advocacy, individual crisis intervention and support groups, specifically focused for LGBTQI+ identified survivors; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Ms. Shrimplin, WHW has also implemented inclusive screening for partner violence/and sexual assault at community agencies including Caracole, Lighthouse Youth Services, and select mental health professionals that routinely interact with the LGBTQI+ community; and

WHEREAS, WHW operates the largest, inclusive evidence-based curriculum concerning dating and sexual violence, “Prevent & Empower,” implemented in Cincinnati-based schools and addressing the needs of LGBTQI+ youth and enabling them to enjoy healthy, safe, and equitable relationships; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Shrimplin also serves on the boards of the Human Services Chamber, the Leadership Council of Nonprofits, and the HealthPath Foundation of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Shrimplin is a member of the Mayor’s Council on Gender Equality, and was named as one of “Ten Women Who Changed Criminal Justice in 2018” in *The Crime Report*,

a publication by the Center on Media, Crime, and Justice, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City College of New York; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Shrimplin is also a leader in statewide networks targeting sexual and domestic violence, including the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence and the Ohio Domestic Violence Network; and


WHEREAS, as a change-driven leader focusing on social innovation, collaboration, and impact, Ms. Shrimplin has successfully advanced policy, advocacy, and ground-breaking practices for the support and protection of LGBTQI+ survivors of gender-based violence; now, therefore,


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

Section 1. That the Mayor and Council of the City of Cincinnati hereby recognize Kristin Shrimplin for her advocacy and support of the LGBTQI+ community as the president and chief executive officer of Women Helping Women.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of council and copies be provided to Ms. Shrimplin through the office of Councilmember Chris Seelbach.

Passed: June 3, 2021

Attest: 
Clerk


John Cranley, Mayor

Submitted by Councilmember Seelbach