

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2023

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RECOGNIZING the heroic efforts of the Cincinnati Fire Department in battling the 7-alarm fire at 3401 Colerain Avenue on March 4, 2023, and **EXPRESSING** the gratitude of the Mayor and City Council for the tremendous work of all the firefighters who responded to this fire.

WHEREAS, a fire began in Camp Washington at approximately 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 4, 2023, at the corner of Arlington Street and Colerain Avenue and quickly escalated into a large structure fire; and

WHEREAS, in order to contain the blaze, protect nearby properties, and ensure the safety of all Cincinnatians, 36 of Cincinnati's 41 fire companies responded to the fire; and

WHEREAS, this fire required the largest response to a City of Cincinnati fire since the Queen City Barrel fire in 2004; and

WHEREAS, at the height of the fire, there were fifteen master stream hose lines, the largest hoses used by firefighters, and seven elevated master streams dousing the fire; and

WHEREAS, approximately 170 firefighters and the entire command staff of the Cincinnati Fire Department responded to the scene to contain the blaze and ensure the community as a whole was safe; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati received the support of five neighboring fire companies, hailing from Colerain Township, Green Township, Milford, Norwood, and Springdale, and this combined effort reinforced the spirit of cooperation among our communities and among our firefighters; and

WHEREAS, the following Cincinnati Fire Department, Colerain Township, Green Township, Milford, Norwood, and Springdale personnel responded to this fire:

- Engines: 12, 20, 19 and 21; Ladders: 20, 19 and 29; and District Fire Chief 3;
- Engines: 34, 29, and 51; Ladder 35; Heavy Rescue 9; Medic 19; and Advance Life Support 35;
- Engine: 5; Ladder 17; Medic 35; District Fire Chief 2; and Cars: 1, 3 and 4;
- Engines: 14, 38, 32, 35 and 1;
- Ladder 32; Medic 17; and Cars: 2 and 301;
- Engines: 3, 23 and 17; Cars: 211 and 6;
- Ladder 3; Medic 23; Car 311; and Milford Light; and Air Unit 271;
- Heavy Rescue 14; District Fire Chief 1; Medics: 12 and 29; Advanced Life Support 34; and Safety Officer 2;
- Engines: 18, and 9; Medical Director 9; District Fire Chief 4; and Car 5; Drone 96 and HAMCO USAR Drone 1;

- Colerain Township, Engine 25; Green Township, Engine 54; Norwood Engine 82; and Springdale Tower Ladder 90; 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 the heroic efforts of the Cincinnati Fire Department and the fire departments of Colerain Township, Green Township, Milford, Norwood, and Springdale in battling the 7-alarm fire at 3401 Colerain Avenue on March 4, 2023.

Section 2. That the Mayor and this Council express their gratitude and appreciation for the service of the entire Cincinnati Fire Department as they go above and beyond in ensuring the safety of all Cincinnatians in not only this heroic response, but in their daily work to respond to the needs of Cincinnatians.

Section 3. That the Mayor and this Council give special thanks to the approximately 170 firefighters who responded to the historic fire on March 4, 2023.

Section 4. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and a copy be provided to Fire Chief Washington.

Passed: _____, 2023

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval and Councilmember Scotty Johnson