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**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2025**

**RECOGNIZING** the Mill Creek Alliance and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for the Mill Creek Alliance's thirty years of dedicated service to restore and enhance the Mill Creek Watershed.

WHEREAS, the Mill Creek Alliance, a community-based environmental non-profit that was founded on September 18, 1995, is celebrating thirty years of revitalization efforts along the Mill Creek, which in 1997 was declared by American Rivers to be "the most endangered urban river in North America"; and

WHEREAS, the Mill Creek Alliance has completed dozens of projects throughout the Mill Creek Watershed that have planted tens of thousands of trees, established an edible forest garden, and restored vast swaths of wildlife habitats, stream banks, floodplains, and wetlands; and

WHEREAS, through these efforts, more than 42,000 students of all ages have received unique outdoor environmental education experiences with hands-on STEM and service-learning projects along the Mill Creek; and

WHEREAS, the Mill Creek Alliance's citizen-scientist water quality monitoring program has also engaged over 100 volunteers and staff to monitor 57 locations throughout the Mill Creek Watershed for the past thirteen years; and

WHEREAS, the Mill Creek Alliance, together with the passionate volunteers of the Mill Creek Yacht Club, has provided paddling experiences for thousands of "crewmates," including elected officials, regulators, partner organizations, and members of the public, and has organized hundreds of cleanups that have removed hundreds of tons of solid waste from the Mill Creek; and

WHEREAS, the Mill Creek Alliance's nonpartisan approach has formed partnerships with neighborhoods, communities, and corporations throughout the Mill Creek Watershed, and has catalyzed remarkable restoration and multi-use trail projects like the Mill Creek Greenway Trail and the Triangle Trail; and

WHEREAS, through the extraordinary efforts of the Mill Creek Alliance and its many volunteers and partners, the Mill Creek has made an inspiring recovery, becoming an urban oasis for wildlife and people alike, and highlighting both the incredible resilience of our environment and the value of true public-private partnerships; 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 Mill Creek Alliance for thirty years of dedicated service in restoring and enhancing the Mill Creek Watershed, and for its steadfast commitment to protecting the environment and improving the quality of life for the residents of Greater Cincinnati.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to the Mill Creek Alliance through the office of Councilmember Mark Jeffreys.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Mark Jeffreys