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## RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2026

**RECOGNIZING** the staff and volunteers associated with the Warming Center and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for the staff and volunteers who provided a safe, warm place for those in need during extreme winter weather.

WHEREAS, the Warming Center, hosted by St. Anthony Center and operated by St. Francis Seraph Ministries, was activated for a total of twelve days – including one single-day activation, one two-day activation, and one extended nine-day activation – and during this time served individuals experiencing homelessness and exposure to extreme weather by remaining open daily from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Warming Center served approximately 160 individuals on lower-volume days and up to 319 individuals during peak demand, including at the height of the snowstorm; and

WHEREAS, each guest received three meals per day, blankets, and access to a safe, warm space, along with coordinated supportive services including Cincinnati Health Department support, wound care, basic medical care, case management, and resource navigation; and

WHEREAS, through a partnership with Metro, guests were provided daily round-trip transportation to and from the Warming Center; and

WHEREAS, this effort would not have been possible without the strong collaboration between City departments and community partners, including volunteers and staff support from the Place-Based Initiatives Team, the Cincinnati Health Department, the City Manager's Office, the Department of Public Services, the Office of Data and Performance Analytics, the Cincinnati Recreation Commission, the Department of Buildings and Inspections, the Cincinnati Fire Department, the Cincinnati Police Department, 3CDC, Found House Pet Support Program, Community Responders (311), the Alternative Response to Crisis Team (ARC), HOPE Line, TriHealth, Generocity513, Neighbor Hub (Medical Van), Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness, KAPA(S), and Delta fraternities and sororities; and

WHEREAS, the Warming Center was staffed by a dedicated core team, supplemented on some days by more than twenty volunteers, with Police and Fire Cadets providing especially outstanding service – consistently positive, helpful, and eager to serve; 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 staff and volunteers associated with the Warming Center for providing a safe, warm place for those in need during extreme winter weather.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to the Warming Center staff through the office of Councilmember Anna Albi.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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

Submitted by Councilmember Anna Albi