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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ – 2024

**RECOGNIZING** Drag King Night hosted by Smoke and Queers as a 2024 Pride Month Honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for their committed work of supporting the LGBTQ+ community in Cincinnati through drag shows and the establishment of fun, safe spaces for queer love, joy, and art to thrive in our City.

WHEREAS, Smoke and Queers established Drag King Night on April 18, 2022, and has hosted the event at a variety of venues across Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Drag King Night was established because Drag Kings do just as much, if not more, as their colleagues, but often receive less recognition, acceptance, and money; and

WHEREAS, Drag King Night is the only Drag King show in Cincinnati and one of two Drag King shows in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Smoke and Queers hosts monthly Drag King Night shows where they perform a variety of songs and feature a diverse cast of artists; and

WHEREAS, Drag King Night has featured over twenty performers who encompass the wide range of identities present in the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, Drag King Night was created by Seymour Hiney and is now completely produced and run by Seymour Hiney, Guad Ala Jara, and Johnny Justice; and

WHEREAS, the team behind Drag King Night plans to continue their work raising awareness for Drag Kings and advocating for the LGBTQ+ community in Cincinnati; 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 Drag King Night hosted by Smoke and Queers for their committed work to supporting the LGBTQ+ community in Cincinnati through Drag King Night shows and the establishment of fun, safe spaces for queer love, joy, and art to thrive in our City.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to the creators and hosts of Drag King Night provided through the Office of Councilmember Meeka Owens.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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

Submitted by Councilmember Meeka Owens