

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2021

RECOGNIZING and expressing the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati to Ms. Renee Mahaffey Harris during Black History Month 2021 for her advocacy on behalf of underserved and marginalized populations in Cincinnati and the Greater Cincinnati region, and for her positive contributions to and impact on the City of Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, Renee Mahaffey Harris is a committed advocate for the underserved and marginalized populations in Cincinnati as well as the Greater Cincinnati region; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Harris leads The Health Gap in its mission to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities through advocacy, education, and community outreach; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Harris organizes the annual Center for Closing the Health Gap Health Fair that serves more than 14,000 attendees each year and provides free life-saving health screenings; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Harris started the Black Women's Health Movement in 2020 with women leaders from a multitude of Cincinnati organizations; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Harris serves as a member of the National Council of Black Health Ohio Statewide Health Disparities Collaborative, the Greater Cincinnati Oral Health Coalition, and The Taft Lecture Series, and has served on numerous boards including the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Council, Cincinnati Parks Foundation, the Greater Cincinnati Urban League, Home Opportunities Made Equal, and the YWCA; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Harris was once named one of Ebony Magazine's 50 Leaders of The Future and was honored by The Cincinnati Herald with the Nefertiti Award because she exemplifies the inner beauty and wisdom of the ancient African Queen Nefertiti; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Harris is also a recipient of UC Health's MLK Humanitarian Award for her work during the COVID-19 Pandemic and her embodiment of the Dr. King quote: "An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity"; 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 Ms. Renee Mahaffey Harris during Black History Month 2021 for her advocacy on behalf of underserved and marginalized

populations in Cincinnati and the Greater Cincinnati region, and for her positive contributions to and impact on the City of Cincinnati.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and copies be provided by Councilmember Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney's office.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney