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**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2024**

**RECOGNIZING** Robert Bell as a 2024 City of Cincinnati Black History Month honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for his contributions to minorities, working to ensure inclusion and diversity in professional workplaces and through business purposes within the City of Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, Robert Bell is a leading figure in Hamilton County, particularly in leadership positions with various organizations involving economic development, consumer effectiveness, contract amenability, teaching, and training for more than the past twenty years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bell received his undergraduate degree in Sociology at Edgecliff College, and earned his master’s degree from Xavier University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bell re-established Hamilton County’s Small Business Enterprise program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bell completed Hamilton County’s first disparity study, working to understand potential barriers among minority and women-owned business owners; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bell supervised the Section 3 Jobs and Economic Inclusion Programs for the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (“CMHA”); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bell was named the “Economic Inclusion Advocate of the Year” for 2016; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bell has been a significant help within Cincinnati, receiving the “National Merit Award” from CMHA for assisting people in removing themselves from poverty-stricken communities through the National Sherwin-Williams Painter Training Program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bell’s “Building for the Future” program has been named a “National Best Practice” by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bell has also been awarded the “National Award of Excellence” by the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials for supporting minority- and women-owned businesses in their growth; now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council recognize Robert Bell for his dedication to the City of Cincinnati through his hard work in economic development.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Robert Bell through the office of Councilmember Victoria Parks.

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

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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

Submitted by Councilmember Victoria Parks