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RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2024

RECOGNIZING Cathy Allison as a 2024 Pride Month Honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for her work to improve the lives of Cincinnatians, particularly through her advocacy for transgender and nonbinary people.

WHEREAS, Cathy Allison moved to Cincinnati in 1967 from rural Ohio with her parents to attend high school; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Allison received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 1979 from Miami University and an Associate’s Degree in Data Processing from Cincinnati State in 1982; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Allison served on the board of Crossport Cincinnati, an organization that has been instrumental in her life that works to better educate the public, health organizations, and professionals who work with the transgender community as well as to provide a safe meeting place for trans and nonbinary people to foster a sense of community; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Allison was involved with the creation of the Transgender Advocacy Council of Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky, which is the only 100 percent Trans-led 401(c)(3) organization in the area that supports trans and nonbinary adults, serving as its Secretary since its creation in 2019; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 the Transgender Advocacy Council created a Transgender Emergency Fund which provides microgrants to transgender and nonbinary people to assist with emergency services such as housing and utility, including more than \$5,600 provided to 23 individuals in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Allison is grateful for the support of many friends, family and organizations, specifically, Micheal Chanak who has worked throughout their career to create a more inclusive environment at Proctor and Gamble; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Allison has been an incredible advocate, organizer, and changemaker locally, including through her work helping to organize events recognizing Transgender Day of Visibility, Transgender Day of Remembrance, as well as assisting in the local response to hateful legislation being pursued at the Ohio Statehouse; 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 Cathy Allison for her lifelong efforts to make Cincinnati a more welcoming and safe city for all, particularly the transgender and nonbinary community.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Cathy Allison through the office of Councilmember Reggie Harris.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Reggie Harris