

RESOLUTION NO. 36 - 2022

**RECOGNIZING** and expressing the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati to Michelle Dillingham during Women's History Month 2022 and Social Work Month 2022 for her decades of continuous leadership in the City of Cincinnati, especially in the areas of social work, advocacy for the underserved, and community organizing.

WHEREAS, Michelle Dillingham graduated from Reed University with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and earned a master's degree in Social Work Administration from the University of Cincinnati, and in 2018 was named the "Ohio Social Worker of the Year" by the Ohio National Association of Social Workers; and

WHEREAS, at age 16 while still in high school, Ms. Dillingham began working in group homes serving individuals with severe mental illness, and later began her career at Mental Health Access Point, before moving to the Central Clinic as a case manager in the Adult Services Division; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dillingham has advocated for many years on behalf of Cincinnati families struggling with homelessness, addiction, food equity, and disabilities, particularly in her roles as project manager for a Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("TANF") grant to the Freestore Foodbank and as project coordinator for Affordable Housing Advocates; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dillingham has mentored many students of social work and since 2011 has served as a field instructor and adjunct professor of graduate and undergraduate students at the University of Cincinnati School of Social Work, while also working with students from The Ohio State University, Miami University, University of Southern California, University of Kentucky, and Xavier University; and

WHEREAS, as CEO of Community Shares of Greater Cincinnati, an organization supporting area non-profits, Ms. Dillingham built coalitions and initiatives to tackle some of the toughest issues facing Cincinnati, including youth gun violence, food insecurity, and affordable housing; and

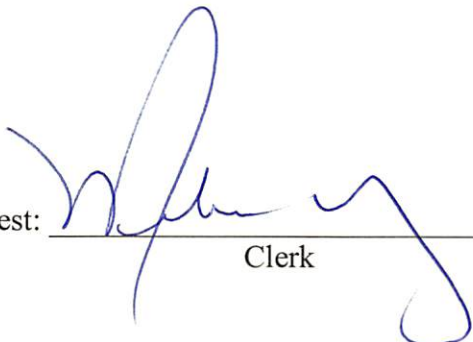
WHEREAS, Ms. Dillingham has worked as a union organizer with the Cincinnati Federation of Teachers, as the Director of Education for the Greater Cincinnati Coalition for the Homeless, and as coordinator for the Cincinnati Educational Justice Coalition, serving the children of our city and advocating for improving the working and living conditions of Cincinnati's families; now, therefore,

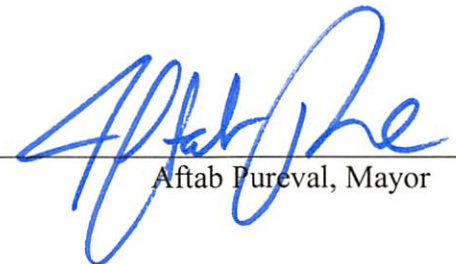
BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council hereby recognize Michelle Dillingham during Women's History Month 2022 and Social Work Month 2022 for her decades of continuous leadership in the City of Cincinnati, especially in the areas of social work, advocacy for the underserved, and community organizing.

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

Passed: March 23, 2022

Attest:   
Clerk

  
Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Submitted by Councilmember Harris