

Date: September 7, 2023

To: Councilmember Scotty Johnson
From: Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor *ESW*
Subject: **Resolution – Recognizing Reverend Mark Pruden for 41 Years as CPD Clergy**

Transmitted herewith is a resolution captioned as follows:

RECOGNIZING Reverend Mark Pruden for 41 years as Chaplain for the Cincinnati Police Department and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for his exemplary service as Police Clergy for the City of Cincinnati.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____-2023

RECOGNIZING Reverend Mark Pruden for 41 years as Chaplain for the Cincinnati Police Department and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for his exemplary service as Police Clergy for the City of Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, Reverend Mark Pruden has been a decorated leader and public servant of the City of Cincinnati for well over four decades, providing professional and spiritual guidance to the community as a resident counselor for the University of Cincinnati and an Adjunct Professor at Cincinnati Christian University; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Pruden is a leading voice in clinical counseling, having served his community as a Minister of Counseling at the Fellowship Christian Church, as Counseling Coordinator for the Crossroad Health Center, and as owner of Mark Pruden & Associates, where he provided leadership in individual, marriage and family counseling, and the clinical integration of counseling and faith for over 35 years; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Pruden utilized his specialization in the treatment of Bipolar Spectrum and Borderline Personality Disorders and Premarital Counseling while serving the Cincinnati Police Department ("CPD") as Chaplain, beginning with his first ride-along with CPD District 5 in June 1982; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Pruden has spent 29 years working with and advising the CPD SWAT Team and is celebrated for his willingness to respond to and assist CPD officers whenever asked; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Pruden is forever remembered for the homily he delivered from the sanctuary of Saint Peter in Chains Cathedral on December 11, 1997, following the tragic deaths of Police Officers Daniel Pope and Ronald Jeter; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council recognize Reverend Mark Pruden for over four decades of exemplary service as Chaplain and Police Clergy for the City of Cincinnati.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Reverend Pruden and his family through the office of Councilmember Scotty Johnson.

Passed: _____, 2023

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Scotty Johnson