

RESOLUTION NO. 71 - 2023

**RECOGNIZING** Diana Lara as a 2023 Hispanic Heritage Month honoree; and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and Council for Ms. Lara's selfless service to her community.

WHEREAS, Ms. Lara is the daughter of immigrant parents from Spain, growing up in Long Island, New York; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lara is a bilingual media and communications expert, as her first language is Spanish; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, Ms. Lara moved to Cincinnati as a single mother; and

WHEREAS, for the past twenty years, Ms. Lara has been a bridge between the growing Latinx community within Greater Cincinnati and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lara has endlessly volunteered throughout the Greater Cincinnati region; and

WHEREAS, as a former Big Sister within the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Greater Cincinnati, Ms. Lara mentored two sisters and created a ten year ongoing relationship with the sisters; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lara is a former board member of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC); and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lara is a current member of the Board of Directors of the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lara is a current board member of the Cincinnati Animal CARE Humane Society; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lara is a current board member of Esperanza Latino Center of Northern Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lara is a current member and gala emcee annually of Hispanic Chamber Cincinnati USA; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lara is a current gala emcee annually of Casa De Paz, a safe haven for Latina women and their children in the Greater Cincinnati area to begin a new life, free from abuse and trauma; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lara is currently a volunteer organizer and communications specialist with the annual Indian Film Festival of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lara is currently a manager in Marketing and Communications at 1819 Innovation Hub at the University of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lara exemplifies what it means to be a first-generation Cincinnati through her selfless nature and strong will; now, therefore,

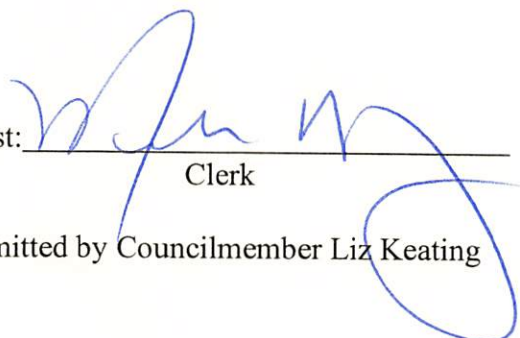
BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and Council recognize Diana Lara as a 2023 Hispanic Heritage Month honoree for her selfless service to her community.

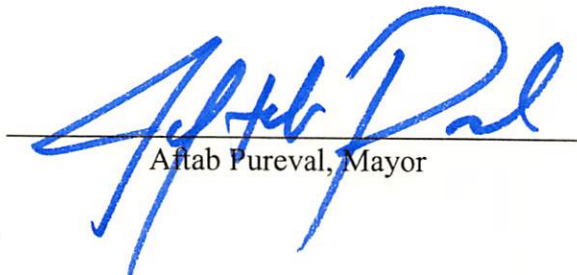
Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Diana Lara through the office of Councilmember Liz Keating.

Passed: October 18, 2023

Attest:

  
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Liz Keating

  
Aftab Pureval, Mayor