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RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2020

RECOGNIZING the Erica J. Holloman Foundation for its service and contributions to the fight against breast cancer, specifically against triple negative breast cancer.

WHEREAS, triple negative breast cancer (“TNBC”) represents 15-20% of breast cancer diagnoses, and is comparatively more aggressive and difficult to treat than other breast cancers, resulting in a lower survival rate, and disproportionately impacts younger, Black, Latinx, and Asian women; and

WHEREAS, in the fight against cancer, it is essential that community members and oncologists are acutely aware of TNBC and the significance of its early detection and prevention; and

WHEREAS, the Erica J. Holloman Foundation (“Foundation”) was founded by Josie Holloman-Adams after her daughter, Dr. Erica J. Holloman, passed away from TNBC in 2011 at the age of 35 following more than a four year battle, during which she continued to work on her Ph.D. in Education at the University of Louisville while serving her students and the greater community; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Foundation is to honor the legacy of Dr. Holloman by raising awareness of TNBC, financially contributing to TNBC scientific research in the hope of a cure, and assisting the community in charitable efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation hosts annual fundraisers and community events including the Mammogram Jam, College Students against TNBC, Play in Pink with the Walnut Hills High School Women’s Soccer program, and 50 Shades of Pink; and

WHEREAS, through the Foundation’s Bra Drive program approximately six thousand new bras have been collected and donated to those in shelters, disaster relief efforts, and career programs with “Smiling for Erica” ribbons to remind recipients of the importance of early cancer detection; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation led the effort for the procurement of “Triple Negative Breast Cancer Awareness” license plates, now implemented by the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles under Section 4503.556 of the Ohio Revised Code; 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 the Erica J. Holloman Foundation for its service and contributions to the fight against breast cancer, specifically against triple negative breast cancer.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that copies be sent to the Cincinnati Health Department and Ohio Department of Health by the Clerk of Council.

Passed: _____, 2020

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Kearney