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RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2023

RECOGNIZING Robie K. Suggs and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and Council for her career providing equitable access to holistic financial services for all residents of Cincinnati, particularly our underserved communities.

WHEREAS, Robie K. Suggs is a lifelong resident of Cincinnati and has devoted her career to helping individuals achieve economic stability and freedom in her role as a trusted and highly revered banking professional, starting with her role as vice president of economic development and community outreach for First Financial Bank; and

WHEREAS, for twenty years she rose through the ranks at PNC Bank before becoming the Chief Lending Officer for the Cincinnati Development Fund; and

WHEREAS, her deep knowledge and substantial experience in the financial sector made her the ideal choice for appointment as President and CEO of Warsaw Federal Bank, a 130-year-old community bank in the heart of East Price Hill; and

WHEREAS, Warsaw Federal Bank has achieved a new milestone by becoming Cincinnati's first Minority Deposit Institution, only the second in the state of Ohio to secure this status, and Robie Suggs is making history as the President and CEO of the City's only Minority Deposit Institution; and

WHEREAS, Robie Suggs will continue as President and CEO of Warsaw Federal Bank to do her life's work of serving the community while expanding the Bank's legacy as a community institution that customers have come to know and trust; and

WHEREAS, Robie Suggs continues her impact through her volunteer work with multiple non-profit and community organizations that have benefitted from her participation as a board member and advisory committee participant, including The Community Building Institute Middletown, The United Way of Cincinnati, Over-the-Rhine Community Housing, The Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, and LISC Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Robie Suggs's community involvement and awards include the Friend of the Neighborhoods Award from Invest in Neighborhoods, the United Way of Greater Cincinnati's 100 Heroes recognition, the Most Outstanding Banker Award from the Community Development Corporation Association, the United Way's Improving Our Communities recognition, and induction into Working in Neighborhoods Hall of Fame; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Mayor and Council hereby recognize Robie Suggs for her career providing equitable access to holistic financial services for all residents of Cincinnati, particularly our underserved communities.

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

Passed: _____, 2023

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Reggie Harris