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RESOLUTION NO. 5 - 2025

**RECOGNIZING** the City of Cincinnati Warming Shelter Team and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and Council for the Warming Shelter Team's diligent work in keeping residents warm during the coldest weeks of January 2025.

WHEREAS, Cincinnati Recreation Department staff and leaders pitched in and worked long hours to activate the Over-the-Rhine ("OTR") Recreation Center as a warming shelter and provide services for approximately 200 people per day; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati Metro provided people experiencing homelessness with early-morning and late-evening transportation to the overnight Winter Shelter and back to the OTR Recreation Center each morning; and

WHEREAS, LaSoupe delivered a hot dinner for 200 people every afternoon, Our Daily Bread provided sandwiches and salads for lunches, and Kroger provided pallets of perishable and non-perishable food items; and

WHEREAS, Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health and GeneroCity 513 coordinated the availability of outreach workers during the warming center activation; and

WHEREAS, Foundhouse Pet Program donated dog food to assist people experiencing homelessness with their pets; and

WHEREAS, Strategies to End Homelessness donated over 100 backpacks filled with hygiene packs, scarves, hats, and gloves; and

WHEREAS, 3CDC Ambassadors provided a cleaning crew every night at closing to assist Recreation Staff with the cleanup of the OTR Recreation Center; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Police and Fire Departments partnered with onsite staff to foster a calm atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, many individuals volunteered their time at the warming center, preparing and serving meals, sorting clothing, and assisting with daily operations, including Council aides, students from Xavier University, and community members; and

WHEREAS, the Core 4 City team, which started planning for warming center efforts in March 2024, was critical to the success of these efforts, including Chief of Staff Angie Wright, Assistant Director Dave Harris, Assistant Fire Chief Matthew Flagler, and Director Deanna White; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. The Mayor and this Council hereby recognize the City of Cincinnati Warming Shelter Team for its contributions and support during a time when Cincinnatians needed to join together to guarantee the safety of all residents in need of a warm place during the bitter cold days.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to the City of Cincinnati Warming Shelter Team through the office of Councilmember Anna Albi.

Passed: February 20, 2025

  
Vice Mayor

Attest: 

Submitted by Councilmember Anna Albi, Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney, President Pro Tem Victoria Parks, and Councilmembers Jeff Cramerding, Mark Jeffreys, Scotty Johnson, Evan Nolan, Meeka Owens, and Seth Walsh