

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2026

RECOGNIZING and HONORING the life and memory of Jonathan “Jay” Young as a dedicated and distinguished public servant and **EXPRESSING** the condolences of the Mayor and Council upon Jay Young’s passing.

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati mourns the passing of Jonathan “Jay” Young, a devoted father, beloved family member and friend, respected leader, and dedicated public servant who passed away while actively serving the City of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Jay began his career with the City of Cincinnati on April 7, 2002, as a Municipal Worker with the Cincinnati Parks Department, beginning more than 24 years of faithful service to the City and its residents; and

WHEREAS, through his dedication, strong work ethic, and commitment to public service, Jay advanced through several positions of increasing responsibility, including his promotion to Laborer with the Department of Public Services in October 2005, Truck Driver in February 2017, and Traffic Aids Worker in July 2018; and

WHEREAS, in June 2024, Jay achieved the position of Supervising Traffic Aids Worker, a role he proudly held for the remainder of his distinguished career and in which he demonstrated leadership, professionalism, dependability, and care for his fellow employees and the community he served; and

WHEREAS, Jay was a loving and devoted father whose children and family were at the center of his life, and he was regarded by those who knew him as a role model, provider, caretaker, mentor, older brother, and steady source of guidance and support; and

WHEREAS, Jay was known for his humility, integrity, kindness, confidence, wisdom, signature laugh, and warm sense of humor, and his family and friends fondly remember his love of cars, motorcycles, home renovations, fellowship, and good-natured pranks; and

WHEREAS, Jay had a remarkable ability to bring people together, encourage peace, see different sides of disagreements, and remind those around him of the importance of loyalty, unity, and family; and

WHEREAS, Jay selflessly served the City of Cincinnati through his work, and he died a hero when he pushed his coworkers to safety but was unable to save himself; and

WHEREAS, Jay’s passing leaves an immeasurable void in the lives of his children, family, friends, coworkers, and the City of Cincinnati workforce, but the lessons he taught, the love he shared, and the example he set will remain a lasting part of his legacy; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. The Mayor and Council hereby recognize, honor, and celebrate the life and memory of Jonathan “Jay” Young and express their profound gratitude for his more than 24 years of dedicated and distinguished service to the City of Cincinnati.

Section 2. That the Mayor and Council recognize Jay’s lasting contributions as a City employee, father, mentor, leader, friend, and source of strength to all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Section 3. That the Mayor and Council extend their deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences to the children, family, friends, loved ones, and coworkers of Jay during this time of tremendous loss.

Section 4. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to the family of Jonathan “Jay” Young through the office of the Mayor as an expression of the Mayor and Council’s respect, appreciation, and sympathy.

Passed: _____, 2026

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____

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