

RESOLUTION NO. 24 - 2022

RECOGNIZING and honoring Dr. Melba R. Moore for her exceptional leadership of the City of Cincinnati's Health Department, her management of and response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and her tireless commitment to improving the health of our citizens and our community.

WHEREAS, as the current Health Commissioner for the City of Cincinnati, Dr. Melba Moore is a committed public health leader who has built and maintained a healthy and safe community; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Moore earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Webster University, a Master of Science in Health Management from Lindenwood University, a Certificate of Completion from Harvard University - John F. Kennedy School of Government for State and Local Executives; and she is a Certified Public Health Administrator and holds a doctorate in Business Administration with a specialization in Healthcare Administration from Northcentral University; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Moore served as the Coordinator of a Genetics Program from 1990 through 1996, as the Director/Commissioner of Health in the City of St. Louis, Missouri from 2001 to 2018, and as the Chief Executive Officer for the National Coalition for Stroke Prevention and Awareness with the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians, providing strategic leadership with more than thirty community health agencies and healthcare providers in developing and marketing programs on stroke prevention and awareness; and

WHEREAS, under Commissioner Moore's leadership, the Cincinnati Health Department accomplished numerous goals, such as implementing creative solutions designed to protect and serve all citizens more effectively, repurposing facilities and securing the necessary equipment and supplies to respond to the pandemic, and facilitating the public's understanding of the need to embrace critical public health interventions such as vaccine acceptance, masking, and physical distancing requirement; and

WHEREAS, under Commissioner Moore's leadership, the City of Cincinnati was able to obtain national accreditation from the Public Health Accreditation Board, demonstrating the Cincinnati Health Department's consistent and continued commitment to strengthening community partnerships to improve health, and enabling the Health Department to better serve the City of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Moore is the 2009 recipient of the American Medical Association's Dr. Nathan Davis Award for Outstanding Government Service, the 2017 recipient of the Equalizer Award in Health Education and Support from the Youth and Family Center, and the 2017 Healthcare Accomplishment Recognition Award in Healthcare Advocacy from the Healthcare Businesswomen's Association, St. Louis Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Moore was selected in 2011 to attend the Community Health Leadership Executive Program at the Satcher Health Leadership Institute in Atlanta, Georgia, and was also elected by the Office on Minority Health to serve on Region VII's Health Equity Council, where she was later selected to serve as the co-chair with a body of experts from Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska driving a collaborative health equity agenda; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Moore is an advocate for women, children, and vulnerable populations and lectures nationwide on health disparities; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Moore was recently awarded the 2022 MLK Humanitarian Award from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and UC Health in recognition of her visionary and collaborative leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic, and was named "Humanitarian of Year" in 2020 by former Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley for her tireless efforts and transformational leadership during the global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Moore leads her life by serving others, and in her tireless commitment to improving the health of our citizens, the City of Cincinnati recognizes the powerful and positive impact she has had in our community; 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 Dr. Melba R. Moore for her many contributions to the City of Cincinnati and her tireless efforts to uplift our community and improve the health of the citizens of the City of Cincinnati.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and a copy be provided to Dr. Melba R. Moore by the Council Office of Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney.

Passed: March 2, 2022


Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: 
Clerk

Submitted by Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney