

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2024

RECOGNIZING Karen Jahnke as a 2024 Women's History Month honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for her dedication to improving the lives of Cincinnatians.

WHEREAS, Karen Jahnke dedicated her time volunteering at Frederick Douglass Elementary School in East Walnut Hills from 2010 to 2020; and

WHEREAS, while Ms. Jahnke volunteered at Frederick Douglass Elementary School, she computerized the library and raised funds to install two computer programs to help students with their reading skills, organized tutors from Taft High school and Summit Country Day, and started a pen pal program with Frederick Douglass Elementary students and St. Ursula Villa students; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jahnke has dedicated her time to improving the lives of students at Frederick Douglass Elementary school by organizing a hat, coat, and glove drive; organizing volunteers and donations to feed the Frederick Douglass Elementary community during Thanksgiving; and organizing Christmas baskets for families in need; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jahnke piloted a program called Successful Beginnings at Frederick Douglass Elementary School and Pleasant Hill Academy; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jahnke co-chaired the United Way's "Success by 6," an effort to ensure that all children ages 0 to 6 are healthy and ready to succeed by the time they enter kindergarten; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jahnke co-chaired The Heart Ball in 2019, raising \$1.8 million; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jahnke co-chaired the United Way Tocqueville Society, which recognizes local philanthropic leaders and volunteer champions in the United States, France, and Romania who have devoted time, talent, and funds to create long-lasting changes by tackling communities' most serious issues; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jahnke served on the boards of Teach for America, where she helped with fundraising, and St. Ursula Villa, where she also volunteered; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jahnke continues to give back to the Cincinnati community by serving as Development Director, board member, and volunteer for Childhood Food Solutions, an organization that focuses on developing solutions for childhood food insecurity that can be applied in a community, tested for effectiveness, and duplicated in other communities; 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 Karen Jahnke as a 2024 Women's History Month honoree for her dedication to improving the lives of Cincinnatians.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Karen Jahnke through the office of Councilmember Seth Walsh.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Seth Walsh and Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney