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RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2024

RECOGNIZING Reverend Todd O’Neal as a 2024 Black History Month honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for his impact and service as a Reverend throughout Cincinnati’s community.

WHEREAS, Reverend Todd O’Neal is a devoted minister of faith and good deeds who has dedicated his time to volunteering at local public schools, directing gospel choirs, serving as a chaplain at correctional institutions, and inspiring Cincinnati’s community; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Reverend O’Neal founded the Ohio Unity Choir, a group that has conducted concerts and workshops across the country; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Reverend O’Neal also began leading Sunday worship services at the Hamilton County Justice Center; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, Reverend O’Neal organized the MLK Chorale, a group that is dedicated to spreading Martin Luther King’s message of equality, justice, and peace through song, and which has performed for audiences annually since its founding; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, Reverend O’Neal founded the House of Joy Christian Ministries, an assembly of interdenominational believers that will be marking its 30th anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, Reverend O’Neal launched the Dream Conference, an annual event in Cincinnati that offers classes on art, drama, music, creative writing, and dance over the course of a four-day workshop for youth and adults; and

WHEREAS, Reverend O’Neal teaches and leads worship annually at Lakeside for Youth Camp, a religious summer camp for youth located in Lakeside, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Reverend O’Neal has recorded seven albums of original compositions and arrangements that uplift audiences and share the power of faith; and

WHEREAS, Reverend O’Neal continues to be a role model who serves and inspires his community as a dedicated preacher, teacher, composer, and servant of God; 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 Reverend Todd O’Neal as a 2024 Black History Month honoree for his impact and service as a Reverend throughout Cincinnati’s community.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Reverend Todd O’Neal through the office of Councilmember Seth Walsh.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____

Clerk

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