

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2024

RECOGNIZING The Christ Hospital’s Heart and Vascular Institute and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and Council of the City of Cincinnati for its commitment to providing advanced cardiovascular care to the City of Cincinnati and expanding services to better meet residents’ needs.

WHEREAS, in the summer of 2021, the Heart and Vascular Service Line proposed the idea of a heart transplant program at The Christ Hospital; and

WHEREAS, The Christ Hospital was already well known for its exceptional cardiac care; and

WHEREAS, The Christ Hospital’s Heart Failure Program led the initiative to implement a new heart transplant program; and

WHEREAS, this service allowed the Cincinnati community to have access to a heart transplant center in their hometown to receive exceptional patient care without having to travel to other transplant centers to receive treatment; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dowling and Dr. Bhat were recruited to lead the program, and both were in place by June of 2022; and

WHEREAS, The Christ Hospital received approval from The United Network for Organ Sharing on October 6, 2022; and

WHEREAS, The Christ Hospital conducted its first heart transplant in November of 2022; and

WHEREAS, since then it has completed 25 transplants and recently received certification from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services for heart transplants; and

WHEREAS, The Christ Hospital is committed to upholding its longstanding reputation as “Greater Cincinnati’s Heart Hospital”; 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 The Christ Hospital’s Heart and Vascular Institute and express the appreciation of the Mayor and Council for its commitment to providing advanced cardiovascular care to the City of Cincinnati and expanding services to better meet residents’ needs.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to The Christ Hospital's Heart and Vascular Institute through the office of Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney