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**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2022**

**RECOGNIZING** the Cincinnati Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team for their dedication and service to the City of Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Police Department formed a Special Weapons and Tactics (“SWAT”) team in 1976 as a response to national trends in law enforcement, specifically the proliferation of firearms throughout the country and the associated violence as well as in response to the shooting death of Cincinnati Police Sergeant Charles Handorf by an emotionally disturbed, barricaded subject in 1974; and

WHEREAS, while it started as a required assignment for any officer with military experience, since then SWAT has become a voluntary assignment involving a rigorous selection process that tests officers’ decision-making ability, physical fitness, and shooting ability; and

WHEREAS, negotiators were added as a part of the team in the early 1990s to help successfully bring critical incidents to a peaceful resolution; and

WHEREAS, negotiators also go through a rigorous selection process testing the same skills and abilities as SWAT team members; and

WHEREAS, members of the SWAT team are afforded training and access to specialized equipment to resolve the most critical incidents that occur in the City of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, members of the SWAT team are dedicated to the mission, responding 24/7/365 in all weather conditions at a moment’s notice; 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 Cincinnati Police Department’s Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team for their dedication and service to the City of Cincinnati.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and a copy be provided to the Cincinnati Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team by the Council Office of Councilmember Scotty Johnson.

Passed: April 27, 2022

Jan. Michele Lemo/Kearney  
VICE - Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Scotty Johnson