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**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2023**

**RECOGNIZING** Denisha Porter, MPH, RS/REHS, HHS as a 2023 Women’s History Month honoree who, as a Black woman, is making history today, bringing positive national attention to our region, and improving the quality of life for our residents; and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for her lifetime dedication to improving public health and dismantling racial inequities in health, housing, education, economic mobility, and justice.

**WHEREAS**, Denisha Porter is a Cincinnati native and a proud graduate of Walnut Hills High School, who received a Bachelor of Arts in Microbiology from Miami University of Ohio and a Masters of Public Health from Wright State University; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Porter was the keynote speaker for Cincinnati’s 48th annual Commemorative March and Program celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., entitled “Reckoning with Chaos, Creating Community”; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Porter, with more than fifteen years of public health and coalition building expertise, has implemented more than 400 location-specific policies, systems, and environmental changes related to health and racial equity, including Tobacco 21, the Healthy Food Retail initiative at more than 200 United Dairy Farmer stores, and tobacco-free campus policies at the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority, and the City of Cincinnati; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Porter, as the inaugural Executive Director of All-In Cincinnati, and leading a 150-member coalition dedicated to eliminating disparities and inequities for Black women in Hamilton County, facilitated racial justice and equity training for more than 2,500 participants; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Porter serves as the Senior Advisor to Ellen Katz, CEO of Greater Cincinnati Foundation, leading culture and equity initiatives at the Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Porter led the charge to change federal law to allow Kroger to accept online purchases with EBT cards, placed community health workers in non-traditional settings to immediately address the social determinants of health, and helped create Cincinnati Public School’s Anti-Racism Policy; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Porter advocated for budget policies to address the digital divide for students, the removal of the gun-range in Lincoln Heights, affordable housing during the pandemic, and the Collaborative Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Porter supported prioritizing mask distribution, testing, and vaccinations in the Black community, partnering with CO-OP Cincy to advocate for Black women to step into leadership roles when current owners decide to step down from a company, and has endorsed Cincinnati Preschool Promise and the Transportation levy; 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 Denisha Porter as a 2023 City of Cincinnati Women's History Month honoree for her continued leadership in public health and dedication to making the City a more equitable place for Black women.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Denisha Porter through the Office of Councilmember Mark Jeffreys.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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

Submitted by Councilmember Mark Jeffreys