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RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2026

RECOGNIZING Mike and Helen Wong and the Wong family as 2026 Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Month honorees and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for celebrating fifty years in business in the Tri-State.

WHEREAS, Mike Wong emigrated from Hong Kong to Cincinnati in 1972 in search of the American Dream, while his wife, Helen, stayed in Hong Kong to care for their two daughters, Susanna and Angela, and to continue her career as a pianist and piano teacher; and

WHEREAS, while working in Cincinnati restaurants, Mike worked as a cook, bartender, and waited tables as he met locals, learned Chinese-American cooking, and practiced speaking English; and

WHEREAS, within two years, Mike earned his green card and moved Helen and their two daughters to Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Mike and Helen decided to make Cincinnati their new home and fulfilled their entrepreneurial dream by opening Northern Kentucky's first Chinese restaurant, Oriental Wok, in 1977 and introducing Chinese cuisine and hospitality to their new community; and

WHEREAS, the Wong family expanded Oriental Wok to Hyde Park in 2009 to bring their signature food and hospitality to Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Mike and Helen are celebrating fifty years in Greater Cincinnati, along with the entire Wong family including their daughters, their sons-in-law, Travis and Guy, and their grandchildren, who are all committed to the art of guest hospitality and fine Chinese cuisine; 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 Mike and Helen Wong and the Wong family as 2026 Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Month honorees for being proud and strong community business leaders employing thousands of workers, including local residents and immigrants, for fifty years in the Tri-State.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Mike and Helen Wong through the office of Councilmember Meeka Owens.

Passed: _____, 2026

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Meeka Owens