

RESOLUTION NO. _____ -2022

RECOGNIZING and expressing the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati to Ron Clemons during Social Work Month 2022, for his decades of continuous leadership and work within the community and with organizations throughout the City of Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, Ron Clemons was born in Mansfield, Ohio, and moved to Cincinnati in 1975 to begin his services as a social worker after graduating from Miami University with a degree in sociology, then later received his Master of Social Work from the University of Cincinnati and became a licensed independent social worker in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Ron Clemons worked with children throughout his career, beginning with his work as a group parent at St. Joseph's Orphanage, where he taught necessary life skills and served as a supportive adult role model, and continuing with his work as a child protective worker with the Department of Human Services, where he helped children who were in abusive or unhealthy environments into better situations; and

WHEREAS, Ron Clemons worked with those struggling with chemical dependency throughout his career, providing counseling services and interventions to those suffering from dependency through his service on the Council on Alcoholism, assessing those charged with driving under the influence through the "Driver Intervention Program" with the Cincinnati Police Department, and providing education and treatment on chemical dependency through the Central Clinic's Alcohol Clinic; and

WHEREAS, Ron Clemons worked with the Talbert House, where he provided assessments for those suffering from chemical and alcohol dependency, and served as the family services coordinator while also providing therapy to families in need; and

WHEREAS, Ron Clemons served as the Assistant Director of Tender Mercies, where he supervised the care and creation of a safe environment for all residents while ensuring access to case workers and mental health services and maintaining the living arrangements of residents; and

WHEREAS, Ron Clemons served as the Executive Director of the Madisonville Education Assistance Center, where he provided the residents of Madisonville with access to computer courses, G.E.D courses, and other educational materials, and also assisted them with food, rent, and other necessities; and

WHEREAS, Ron Clemons worked as a clinical supervisor with Caracole, where he managed the housing program while also supervising individual case managers, thereby providing critical services to those suffering from HIV; and

WHEREAS, Ron Clemons served as the family services coordinator at St. Elizabeth North, where he designed and ran the hospital's family services in coordination with the adult and adolescent chemical dependency program; and

WHEREAS, Ron Clemons taught at the University of Cincinnati for 27 years, where he provided an invaluable perspective on social work and teaching through his experience, with a special emphasis on work within the LGBTQIA community; and

WHEREAS, Ron Clemons worked with the Cincinnati Police Department for 25 years, where he served as a panelist on their diversity panel and provided consultations on diversity within the department, and where he spent an additional two years as the Department's Diversity Consultant, helping to develop the Department's diversity training program; and

WHEREAS, Ron Clemons served as the President of the Gay and Lesbian Mental Health Professionals group, which worked to promote equality in mental health services by advocating that more resources be made available to the LGBTQIA community and providing consultation to mental health organizations on how to better serve the LGBTQIA community in the Cincinnati area, while he also managed support groups for those with HIV through University Hospital and the Health Department, along with the "Men in Touch" program through StopAids; and

WHEREAS, Ron Clemons worked for over a decade in the public employee assistance programs, where he provided counseling services to individuals who work for the City of Cincinnati, as well as their families; 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 Ron Clemons as a 2022 City of Cincinnati Social Work Month honoree for his positive impact on the City of Cincinnati, for his dedication to providing mental health services to all, for uplifting the LGBTQIA community, and for working as a tireless advocate for the underserved.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Ron Clemons through the office of Councilmember Harris.

Passed: _____, 2022

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Reggie Harris