

EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____ - 2022

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of a transgender pride flag from Councilmember Reggie Harris valued at approximately \$6.00, and to fly the flag from the flagpole at City Hall on Thursday, March 31, 2022, which is the International Transgender Day of Visibility, as a symbol of support for the celebration of transgender people in Cincinnati and the region and to raise awareness of discrimination faced by transgender people worldwide.

WHEREAS, Thursday, March 31, 2022 is the International Transgender Day of Visibility, and the City Administration intends to fly a transgender pride flag in recognition of International Transgender Day of Visibility; and

WHEREAS, Council and the City of Cincinnati support flying the transgender pride flag from the flagpole at City Hall on International Transgender Day of Visibility as a symbol of support for the celebration of transgender people in Cincinnati and the region and to raise awareness of discrimination faced by transgender people worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Harris has purchased a transgender pride flag and offered to donate it to the City for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the flag is valued at approximately \$6.00; and

WHEREAS, the City's installation and maintenance of the transgender pride flag is the City's own expression, constitutes government speech, and does not signify the City's intent to create a free speech forum; and

WHEREAS, there are no new FTEs associated with this donation, and acceptance of this donation does not require any local matching resources; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That Council hereby declares it is a matter of great public interest to support the celebration of transgender people in Cincinnati and the region and to raise awareness of discrimination faced by transgender people worldwide, including through accepting the donation of and flying the transgender pride flag on International Transgender Day of Visibility on March 31, 2022.

Section 2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept an in-kind donation from Councilmember Reggie Harris of a transgender pride flag valued at approximately \$6.00 and to display the flag in celebration of International Transgender Day of Visibility on March 31, 2022.

Section 3. That the City's installation and maintenance of the transgender pride flag is the City's own expression, constitutes government speech, and does not signify the City's intent to create a free speech forum.

Section 4. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Section 1 through 3 hereof.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept the donated flag in advance of the International Transgender Day of Visibility on March 31, 2022.

Passed: _____, 2022

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk