

## RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2023

**RECOGNIZING** Rick Chizmadia as a 2023 Pride Month honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for his more than thirty years of volunteer work with the Human Rights Campaign and his mission to uplift his community and achieve equality for all.

WHEREAS, Rick Chizmadia began volunteering for the Human Rights Campaign (the "HRC") only two months after moving to Cincinnati, and for over thirty years has continued to devote his time and passion to the LGBTQ+ community through the HRC; and

WHEREAS, Rick Chizmadia has held many roles with the HRC, including being the Greater Cincinnati HRC Dinner Co-Chair and the Federal HRC Club Co-Chair, as well as serving on the HRC National Board of Governors for seven years, with one year on the National Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, Rick Chizmadia received a bachelor's degree in Music from Oakland University in Michigan, followed by a Master's of Multimedia Communication from Saginaw Valley State College; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his volunteer work with the HRC, Rick Chizmadia is passionate about music and is a teacher of accordion, voice, and piano for students of wide-ranging ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, Rick Chizmadia serves as the Executive Director of the American Guild of Music, which has hosted several music competitions and conventions in Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Rick Chizmadia has been a member of the Cincinnati Men's Chorus for eleven seasons and has served on the Board of the Cincinnati Men's Chorus and the Diversity Youth Chorus; and

WHEREAS, Rick Chizmadia is a member of Squeeze Play orchestra, which performs regularly throughout the Greater Cincinnati area; and

WHEREAS, Rick Chizmadia served as the first male president of the Federation of American Women's Club Overseas Alumnae, which brought its annual conference to Cincinnati in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Rick Chizmadia continuously devotes his time and passion to efforts that make Cincinnati a more welcoming and wonderful place for all; 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 Rick Chizmadia for his more than thirty years of volunteer work with the Human Rights Campaign and his mission to uplift his community and achieve equality for all.

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

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

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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

Submitted by Councilmember Reggie Harris