

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2022

RECOGNIZING and expressing the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati to Jennifer Foster during Black History Month 2022 for her decades of continuous leadership and work within the Avondale Community and with organizations in the City of Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, Jennifer Foster has been a dedicated single mother and surrogate mother for ten children, pouring love, time, and energy into her family while working tirelessly in her community; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Foster has facilitated the construction, maintenance, and renovation of affordable housing within Cincinnati through her work with Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority in the Architecture Department working with roofers, carpenters, and others; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Foster played eight years for the Cincinnati Sizzle in the largest football league in the world for women, and her lifetime of commitment to her team and to Cincinnati helped to uplift others in our community; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Foster has worked tirelessly to promote healthy lifestyles through her work on the CROWN Trail and Wasson Way Trail committees and the Avondale Walking Club, resulting in the planned expansion of Wasson Way into Avondale thereby helping to create a more walkable community and providing a safe place for enjoying nature, stress relief, and exercising; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Foster has helped to deliver balanced food options to members of her community through her work with Green Umbrella and as a Health Champion through the Avondale Children Thrive program, and her work has helped to provide vital food services to food deserts and historically disinvested communities; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Foster's work with the Children's Hospital Parent Partner Program has provided needed insight for improved customer service in our healthcare system to better address the needs of single mothers, children experiencing trauma, and other marginalized people; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Foster has maintained a steadfast dedication to her community by participating in the Avondale Community Council for over a decade, where her work has promoted equitable and sustainable growth and improvements to the quality of life for all residents; and

WHEREAS, despite the gun violence she has experienced, Jennifer Foster actively works to address trauma in her community through her work with Joining Force, operating under the mantra of either "I can complain or I can do something about it," and she has completed the

Community Engagement Academy in order to further her ability to help address the impact of trauma on her community, especially on children; 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 Jennifer Foster as a 2022 City of Cincinnati Black History Month honoree for her positive impact on the City of Cincinnati and for her dedication to advancing racial justice, equality for all persons, and the protection of our sacred democracy.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council.

Passed: _____, 2022

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Reggie Harris