

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2022

RECOGNIZING and expressing the appreciation of the Mayor and Council of the City of Cincinnati to Jennifer Hafner Spieser during Women’s History Month 2022, when the City celebrates women who are making history while bringing national attention to Cincinnati and positively serving our community, for her leadership and dedication to making Cincinnati a better place for all citizens.

WHEREAS, Jennifer Hafner Spieser is a Cincinnati native and graduate of the University of Cincinnati, and has spent the past nineteen years working on behalf of many causes within the City; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Spieser dedicated eight years to the Cincinnati Fire Department, raising over \$35 million dollars during her tenure, during which time over 130 new firefighters were hired, and fire company “brownouts” were ended; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Spieser also served as the first female spokesperson for the Fire Department and developed the Cincinnati Fire Foundation with a team of dedicated volunteers; and

WHEREAS, for the past seven years Ms. Spieser has led the Cincinnati Parks Foundation as its Executive Director, raising over \$23 million dollars in support of various Parks programs and projects, and working with a committed team and Board of Directors to create a first-time partnership between the Cincinnati Parks Foundation and Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center, the “Be.Well” program, which received a Governor’s Award in 2022; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the “Fall ReLeaf” program, supported by Ms. Spieser’s fundraising efforts, over 5,000 trees have been planted within Cincinnati Parks facilities and throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Spieser created a Neighborhood Parks Campaign in 2018, leading to the improvement of eight neighborhood parks, and developed a grant program for all Cincinnati Park Advisory Councils to activate neighborhood parks with free, family-fun events; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Spieser has contributed her service to many community organizations, as a member of the boards of the Cincinnati Recreation Foundation, the Cincinnati Children’s Theater, the Cincinnati Ballet Academy, and the Cincinnati Fire Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Spieser is also a member of Class 45 for Leadership Cincinnati, the Women’s Fund of the Greater Cincinnati Foundation, Give Back Cincinnati, and Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services, and has served as a Wish Granter for the Make-A-Wish Foundation; 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 Hafner Spieser during Women's History Month 2022, when the City celebrates women who are making history while bringing national attention to Cincinnati and positively serving our community, for her leadership and dedication to making Cincinnati a better place for all citizens.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Jennifer Hafner Spieser through the office of Councilmember Jeffreys.

Passed: _____, 2022

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Jeffreys