

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2022

RECOGNIZING the 25th Anniversary of K.E.L.L.Y. Youth Services, Inc., an Ohio not-for-profit corporation serving and supporting at-risk youth through its operation of group homes and residences for independent living in Hamilton County, Ohio.

WHEREAS, K.E.L.L.Y. Youth Services, Inc. (“Keep Empowering Living and Learning for Youth,” or “KYS”) was established in 1998 by Mr. Joe Kelly as a family collaboration aimed at fostering at-risk youth in the custody of the state; and

WHEREAS, following his retirement from the National Football League after eleven years, Mr. Kelly embarked on a mission dedicated to empowering the next generation; and

WHEREAS, KYS welcomes male and female clients, referred to KYS by surrounding area agencies which assist with placement of at-risk, abused, or neglected children; and

WHEREAS, KYS specializes in 24-hour, private, non-custodial group homes, as well as semi-independent and independent living programs that empower living and learning for youth aged 9 to 21 years old; and

WHEREAS, KYS assists and advocates for its clients’ pursuits of continued education, vocational or trade school training, and job placement; and

WHEREAS, KYS sponsors a developmental program designed to provide temporary housing for adolescents to grow at their own pace toward responsible behavior to either return home or become emancipated; and

WHEREAS, KYS also locates and establishes affordable permanent housing for residents, to help them make the most of their abilities and increase their independence prior to emancipation, with daily assistance from KYS; and

WHEREAS, KYS’s philosophy is that all youth have the ability to succeed and become upright, self-sufficient, law-abiding adults regardless of their situation or circumstances; and

WHEREAS, KYS is committed to providing the necessary environment, resources, and support to enhance each resident’s opportunity to become a viable, independently living, and responsible adult; and

WHEREAS, KYS also delivers long and short-term community-based, trauma-informed care, treatment, rehabilitation, support, and supervision to youth aged 9 to 21 living in foster care group settings; and

WHEREAS, KYS provides aftercare support guidance and follow-up for clients transitioning from its Youth Independent Living programs; and

WHEREAS, KYS is accredited by the Council on Accreditation and operates five locations: College Hill, Mt. Auburn, Clifton Heights, and two in Hartwell; 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 K.E.L.L.Y. Youth Services, Inc. for 25 years of successful and comprehensive service to at-risk youth in Cincinnati and Hamilton County.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and a copy be provided to K.E.L.L.Y. Youth Services, Inc. through the office of Councilmember Scotty Johnson.

Passed: _____, 2022

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Scotty Johnson