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RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2025

RECOGNIZING Cradle Cincinnati and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for Cradle Cincinnati's unwavering commitment to improving the birthing and parenting experiences for all mothers, and for working to ensure that every baby has the opportunity to celebrate their first birthday and beyond.

WHEREAS, since 2013, Cradle Cincinnati has served as a vital network between parents, caregivers, healthcare professionals, and community members who are committed to reducing infant mortality; and

WHEREAS, Cradle Cincinnati and its partners work collaboratively across sectors to measurably improve Hamilton County's infant mortality rate and eliminate racial disparities in maternal and infant health; and

WHEREAS, Cradle Cincinnati demonstrates its commitment to reducing infant mortality through a variety of initiatives, including Cradle Cincinnati Connections, which is a team of community health workers who help women access neighborhood services and immediate support to care for themselves and their infants; and

WHEREAS, Cradle Cincinnati also supports Queens Village, which is a supportive and empowering community of Black women who come together to care for themselves and each other, and the Cradle Cincinnati Learning Collaborative, which brings together maternal health professionals across the county to improve the quality of prenatal care; and

WHEREAS, in 2024 alone, Cradle Cincinnati connected over 1,000 moms, infants, and families to essential resources through its community health workers; and

WHEREAS, during that same year, Cradle Cincinnati connected more than 150 women with doula services, supported 46 women in receiving mental health therapy services, distributed 200 cribs to families in need, and fostered a community of support for more than 1,400 Black women through community meetings, stress-reduction workshops, postpartum groups, and other wellness initiatives; and

WHEREAS, through dedicated partnerships with the Cincinnati Health Department, Hamilton County Public Health, and other stakeholders, Cradle Cincinnati made significant progress in 2023 by helping to reduce the Black infant mortality rate in Hamilton County to single digits for the first time and achieving an overall infant mortality rate on par with the national average—a significant milestone in the ongoing effort to improve maternal and infant health outcomes; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Mayor and Council hereby recognize Cradle Cincinnati for their dedication to improving the birthing and early parenting experience for all mothers, and for their dedication to ensuring that every child has a healthy start to life.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Cradle Cincinnati through the office of Councilmember Anna Albi.

Passed: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Anna Albi