

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2024

RECOGNIZING Katherine “Katie” Blackburn as a National Women’s History Month honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and Council of the City of Cincinnati for her extraordinary achievements, tireless advocacy, and enduring legacy of empowerment for women and girls in our community.

WHEREAS, Katherine “Katie” Blackburn attended Dartmouth College beginning at age sixteen and played Women’s Ice Hockey; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Blackburn graduated from the University of Cincinnati College of Law and practiced at the law firm of Taft, Stettinius & Hollister; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Blackburn began working for the Cincinnati Bengals in 1991 and is now the Executive Vice President, overseeing the Bengals organization and actively involved in all areas of the operations; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Blackburn was the first woman to be a chief contract negotiator in the National Football League; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Blackburn is the first and only woman selected to become a member of the National Football League’s Competition Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Blackburn helps connect the Bengals organization with the Cincinnati community and supports many local nonprofits; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Blackburn is involved in the community by serving as a member of the Cincinnati Regional Business Committee, the Commercial Club of Cincinnati, the Cincinnati Women’s Executive Forum, and Vice Chair of the Community Insights and Priorities Workstream for the Cincinnati Futures Commission; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Blackburn has served on the board of the Greater Cincinnati Boys and Girls Clubs for over 28 years and has also served on the boards of Teach for America, United Way, Working in Neighborhoods, and the Queen City Club; and

WHEREAS, her fearless pursuit of excellence has not only advanced her profession but has also served as a catalyst for positive change, inspiring countless young women to pursue their aspirations with determination and courage; 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 Katherine “Katie” Blackburn as a National Women’s History Month honoree for her extraordinary achievements, tireless advocacy, and enduring legacy of empowerment for women and girls in our community.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Katherine “Katie” Blackburn through the office of Councilmember Anna Albi.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____

Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Anna Albi