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RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2025

RECOGNIZING the Store It Safe Coalition and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and Council for the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Whitney/Strong, and the Be SMART Campaign's commitment to secure firearm storage education and declaring Cincinnati a Store It Safe City.

WHEREAS, firearms are the leading cause of death in suicides; and

WHEREAS, almost fifty percent of U.S. homes have a firearm; and

WHEREAS, 82 percent of youth who die of suicide use a firearm from their home; and

WHEREAS, unsupervised teen access to firearms triples the risk of death by suicide; and

WHEREAS, young children are often curious and prone to touching and mishandling potentially harmful items, while teens are still learning how to control impulses; and

WHEREAS, barriers to lethal means are effective in reducing accidents and suicides; and

WHEREAS, the Store It Safe Coalition, led by the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, is a group of pediatric healthcare providers, education professionals, firearm safety experts, mental health and suicide prevention experts, law enforcement, state and local governments, and community organizations that have joined together to help reverse the trend of irreversible actions by keeping Ohio's children safe from intentional and unintentional injury and harm; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati is committed to protecting its residents – particularly children and adolescents – through education and proactive safety measures; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati is working to create a safer community for all families and caregivers by fostering awareness and empowering residents to practice responsible storage of firearms, alcohol, marijuana, and medication; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. The Mayor and Council declare the City of Cincinnati to be a Store It Safe City and invite all residents to commit to safely storing all lethal means in their homes, and to join in commending the organizations working to educate, empower, and protect our families.

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

Passed: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____

Submitted by Councilmember Anna Albi