

RESOLUTION NO. 15 - 2024

**RECOGNIZING** Joseph Robinson Patterson as a 2024 City of Cincinnati Black History Month honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for his contributions as an inspiration and strong supporter of Civil Rights in the City of Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, Joseph Robinson Patterson challenged the Day Law, which prohibited Black people from attending school with White people, by participating in a lawsuit against the University of Kentucky that led to a June 1949 federal court order forcing the university to admit Blacks; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Patterson was one of the key leaders in the Tri-State area who established the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (N.A.A.C.P.) and the Congress of Racial Equality ("C.O.R.E.") in Northern Kentucky, resulting in desegregation of public accommodations, public schools, recreational facilities, department stores, and police departments; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Patterson worked to get Black doctors the ability to admit their Black patients into the hospitals without the signatures of White doctors and advocated for Blacks to be hired in higher levels of employment, such as the first Black assistant city manager of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, in 1966 Mr. Patterson authored "The Black Manifesto," which provided the guidelines for the pursuit of reparations and was circulated nationally during the Civil Rights Movement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Patterson created groups that picketed theaters and pressured community leaders to allow Black Americans into theaters that had been closed to Black patrons for over forty years; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his advocacy as a Civil rights leader in Ohio, Mr. Patterson received the Greater Cincinnati Small Business Coalition's first Humanitarian Award, the Sharei Karate Community Humanitarian Award, the Ohio State Senate Martin Luther King Award for outstanding service in Cincinnati, Ohio, which was presented by Senator William Bowen, and was posthumously recognized by Council on November 6, 1996 in Resolution No. 144-1996 for his civic work; now, therefore,

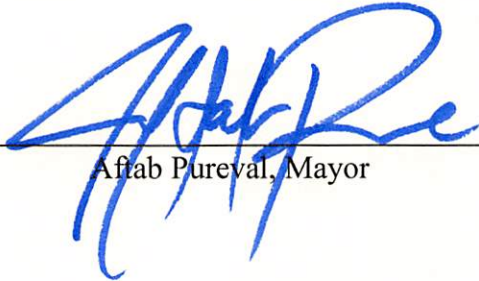
BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council recognize Joseph Robinson Patterson as a 2024 City of Cincinnati Black History Month honoree for his contributions to the Cincinnati community through his leadership.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to the family of Joseph Robinson Patterson through the office of Vice Mayor Jan Michele Kearney.

Passed: March 6, 2024

Attest:   
Clerk

  
Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Submitted by Vice Mayor Jan Michele Kearney