

## RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2022

**RECOGNIZING** and honoring Ms. Alandes Powell for her civic and community leadership, and for her social advocacy in the City of Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, as an active member of the community for many years, Ms. Powell has most recently been the visionary behind the City of Cincinnati's Black Lives Matter Mural, based on her poem, "We Want What You Want"; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Powell obtained financial support from ArtsWave for the Black Lives Matter Mural, providing funding for seventeen local artists who led diverse teams of almost seventy individuals to create a holistic display in front of City Hall; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Powell is the co-founder of Black Art Speaks, and has served as the chair of the Urban League of Southwestern Ohio's Board of Directors, and as the immediate past board chair of the Urban League of Greater Cincinnati's Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Powell has also been a member of the boards of directors of the Cincinnati Ballet, GenNow, the YWCA, and the Brighton Center; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Powell has also served as the assistant director of a youth sports organization, as a motivational speaker for adults and high school students, and as the past co-chair of the Academic Scholarship Committee at Triumph Church; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Powell is a graduate of Leadership Northern Kentucky, Urban Leadership Program, and Leadership Cincinnati Class 41; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Powell is a native of Dayton, Ohio, and attended Fort Valley University, an HBCU located in Fort Valley, GA; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Powell and her husband Gordon are the proud parents of three children: Kendra, age 37, residing in Atlanta, GA; Damonte, age 32, a Cincinnati firefighter; and Julian, age 22, a student at Clark Atlanta University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Powell is also a co-mother to her nephew, Chris Pearson, age 31, a professional boxer; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Powell has collaborated on the book, "It Takes Money Honey" and contributed to Leadership Tidbits, Volume 1; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Powell has received numerous awards and accolades, including the 2020 University of Cincinnati Health MLK Humanitarian Special Award; inclusion in the 2020 Top 32 Power Brokers in the Midwest; the 2020 Mayerson Academy Strengths Hero Award; the 2013

**YWCA Career Woman of Achievement, and the 2018 Cincinnati Enquirer/Greater Cincinnati Foundation Woman of the Year; and**

**WHEREAS, Ms. Powell joined Fifth Third Bank in October 2018, where she is responsible for controls supporting central operations; and**

**WHEREAS, before joining Fifth Third Bank, Ms. Powell served as senior vice-president and director at Citi Cards, where she led the strategic development and oversight of a portfolio within Retail Services; and**

**WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati honors Ms. Powell for her commitment to our community and for her advocacy for racial and social equity; and**

**WHEREAS, as the City continues to strive toward equity, it looks forward to partnering with Ms. Powell to move the community forward; 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 Alandes Powell for her civic and community leadership, and for her social advocacy in the City of Cincinnati.**

**Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council, and a copy be provided to Alandes Powell by the Office of Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney.**

**Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2022**

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**Aftab Pureval, Mayor**

**Attest: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Clerk**

**Submitted by Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney and Councilmember Greg Landsman**