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RESOLUTION NO. 63 -2008

**EXPRESSING** the support of the Council of the City of Cincinnati for the Greater Cincinnati Commitment.

WHEREAS, the Greater Cincinnati Commitment ("Commitment") was created by the Community Inclusion Panel of the Cincinnati Association as a tool to improve race relations following tension in the City of Cincinnati in 2004; and

WHEREAS, over the next few years the Commitment evolved to more broadly address the issue of discrimination and prejudice of any kind; and

WHEREAS, some 300 individuals and organizations have signed the Commitment, and in 2008 support for the Commitment was expanded to include the following alliance of eighteen organizations: American Jewish Committee, Bridges For A Just Community; Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati; Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber-Agenda 360; Cincinnati Human Relations Commission; Cincinnati Association; Citizens for Civic Renewal; Equality Cincinnati; Faith Community Alliance of Greater Cincinnati; Hamilton County Regional Planning; Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME); League of Women Voters; Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati (MARCC); Social Justice Commission of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati; Urban Appalachian Council; Urban League of Greater Cincinnati; Women's City Club; and the Young Men's Christian Association (collectively known as the "Greater Cincinnati Commitment Alliance"); and

WHEREAS, the Greater Cincinnati Commitment Alliance has a goal of having the Commitment adopted throughout the Greater Cincinnati region; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Cincinnati Commitment reads as follows:

I believe the full greatness of our city, our region and our nation will only be achieved when every individual has a full and unrestricted opportunity to learn, grow, and contribute to the community with all the potential of their innate personal gifts.

I believe that in this new millennium we can and we must move forward to remove the vestiges of racism and other forms of discrimination from our city, our country and our individual lives.

In this spirit, I make this commitment:

I commit to use my individual strength to eliminate discriminatory behaviors, policies and practices from my community.

I commit to openly and intentionally seek to open doors that will ensure everyone the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

I commit to embrace diversity and seek equity for all members of the human family.

And,

WHEREAS, the Greater Cincinnati Commitment was inspired by the Birmingham Pledge which has been instrumental in fostering positive social change in its community over the past ten years; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Cincinnati City Council hereby expresses its support for the Greater Cincinnati Commitment.

Section 3. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council.

Passed: December 10, 2008

Attest: W. [Signature]  
Clerk

[Signature]  
Mayor

Submitted by Councilmember Cecil Thomas.