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RESOLUTION NO. 23 - 2016

EXPRESSING support for recognition by the City Administration and the Cincinnati Police Department of the personal identification cards issued to individuals in the community by the Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati respects and promotes the right of all of its residents to equal treatment under the law; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati ("MARCC") desires to print and issue identification cards to individuals in our community who do not have recognized identification cards but who are still entitled to due process and equal protection under the law; and

WHEREAS, the MARCC identification cards are not intended to be and may not be used in the place of state-issued identification where required by Ohio or federal law; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that the Police Department's acceptance of the MARCC identification card as a valid form of identification would assist the Police Department in minimizing unnecessary and potentially life-changing arrests of hard-working residents; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council support recognition by the City Administration and Cincinnati Police Department of properly issued and obtained Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati ("MARCC") identification cards as a valid form of identification, not intended as a substitute for a driver's license but rather intended as a means of authenticating a person's identity.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that copies be given to Police Chief Eliot Isaac and to the Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati via the Office of Mayor John Cranley.

Passed: May 11th, 2016

Attest: *[Signature]*
Clerk

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John Cranley, Mayor

Submitted by Mayor John Cranley