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RESOLUTION NO. TMP-5474

Recognizing Cherish Destiny Nelson and James Moran for their dedication and service to the Transgender and LGBTQIA+ community of Kansas City, Missouri.

WHEREAS, Cherish Destiny Nelson is a foundational leader in Kansas City's trans community, especially among trans women of color, dedicating years to building healing and support networks since 2015; and

WHEREAS, her work spans grassroots organizing, mutual aid, and mentorship through groups like Transformations and TWOCC, offering consistent support during both crisis and celebration; and

WHEREAS, beyond activism, Cherish is a creative force, writer, nurse, and aspiring film producer — blending care, artistry, and vision to embody the enduring strength and legacy of Black trans leadership; and

WHEREAS, James Moran is the Director of Education and Public Relations at Our Spot KC, where he leads housing initiatives, outreach, and training to support Kansas City's LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, with a strong background in LGBTQ+ education and advocacy, James has held key roles at organizations like the Kansas City Pride Community Alliance, KC Anti-Violence Project, and University of Central Missouri; and

WHEREAS, a queer trans man and devoted parent, James brings both personal and professional passion to his work, championing inclusive spaces and support for marginalized communities; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby extend their greatest appreciation and thanks to Cherish Destiny Nelson and James Moran for their dedication and service to the Transgender and LGBTQIA+ community of Kansas City, Missouri; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof and that a copy hereof be presented to Destiny Nelson and James Moran with great appreciation from the Mayor and Council.