

RESOLUTION 2021 – 2

ENCOURAGING JOE BURROW A SPEEDY RECOVERY AND RETURN TO CINCINNATI BENGALS

WHEREAS, Joseph Lee Burrow was born on December 10, 1996 in Ames, Iowa, the son of Robin and Jim Burrow joined a Burrow athletic lineage that began with the wisest family member - his grandmother, setting a Mississippi high school record with an 82-point game in basketball; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the foretelling decision of Joe’s first youth football coach – and the fact that no one else who could play the position – he was nominated as quarterback of the team thus paving the path for his career in football; and

WHEREAS, Ohio extends gratitude to Jim Burrow for making the decision to locate to Ohio becoming the defensive coordinator for Ohio University providing Joe the opportunity to attend Athens High School in Ohio where he learned how to play real football in true football country; and

WHEREAS, Joe was a standout basketball player, and was named first-team all-state point guard his senior year at Athens. He was also a not too bad football player leading the school to three straight playoff appearances and the school's first seven playoff victories in school history becoming “Mr. Football” and the Gatorade Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Burrow rated a four-star football recruit committed to “The” Ohio State University to play football on May 27, 2014-some may say the wisest decision of his career; and

WHEREAS, 2018 was a sad year for Ohio as Joe after two years and 10 games at “The” Ohio State University, completing 29 of 39 passes for 287 yards and two touchdowns transferred to Louisiana State University (LSU). However, while at “The” Ohio State University he earned a degree in consumer and family financial services-a diploma that will forever connect him to “The” Ohio State University; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 Joe received numerous awards including Maxwell Award, Walter Camp Award, Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award, Davey O'Brien Award, Lombardi Award, Manning Award. And another small award – the 2019 Heisman Trophy which he won securing the largest margin in the history of the award, and the highest share of possible points available. And, then not to show off decided during his Heisman acceptance speech, to inspire over \$500,000 in donations towards the local food bank in Athens County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Joe’s performance during the playoff semi-final game at the 2019 Peach Bowl has been called one of the greatest in college football history, and his performance in the 2020 National Championship Game against Clemson solidified a season deemed by some to be the greatest ever by a college quarterback; and

WHEREAS, Athens City School District renamed the school’s football stadium Joe Burrow’s Stadium in honor of Joe and LSU named a street Burrow Road after him, what else could he need?

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, that seven members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. That Joe experience a quick recovery and return to his position as quarterback of the Cincinnati Bengals and a region that supports him and his family.

Section 2. That during his recovery Joe will continue to retain his positive attitude, motivation and determination and recognizes those at home, here in Ohio, are supporting his recovery efforts.

Section 3. That one small step in your recovery is a giant leap to your return to the Bengals and the game of football.

Section 4. That you make black and orange stripes look good.

Section 5. That Mason wishes that Sunday, January 3 is the last time you will have to watch football on television instead of playing it.

Section 6. That while 1990 was the last time the Bengals won a playoff game, Mason is confident Joe Burrow will lead the Bengals to the playoffs and at which time Mason pledges to declare Joe Burrow day in Mason.

Section 7. That you have clearly stated your intent to play for the Cincinnati Bengals in the NFL and as a result have given Ohioan's a reason to be proud and a hope for the future of the Cincinnati Bengals football program.

Section 8. That this Resolution shall be in force and become effective from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 11th day of January, 2021.

Mayor Kathy Grossmann

Attest:

Clerk of Council