



City of Dayton, Kentucky

Proclamation

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, The City of Dayton has a long history with the Cincinnati Bengals football team, which is playing in the AFC Divisional playoff game against the Buffalo Bills on Sunday, Jan. 21, 2022, after defeating the Baltimore Raven in in the Wildcard game on Jan. 14; and

WHEREAS, In 1937, the original Cincinnati Bengals professional football team, one of seven members of the American League of Professional Football, held its first work out under Coach Hal Pennington at Tacoma Park in Dayton; and

WHEREAS, The original Cincinnati Bengals also held its first scrimmage game on Sept. 27, 1937, before 2,000 fans at Dayton's O.W. Davis Field. The stadium, which was only three years old at the time, continues to serve as home of the Dayton High School Green Devils football team; and

WHEREAS, John McAfee, an Ohio State University graduate and football coach and teacher at Dayton High School, played halfback on the original Cincinnati Bengals professional football team in 1937; and

WHEREAS, Some players on the 2022-23 Cincinnati Bengals football team roster currently reside in the City of Dayton; and

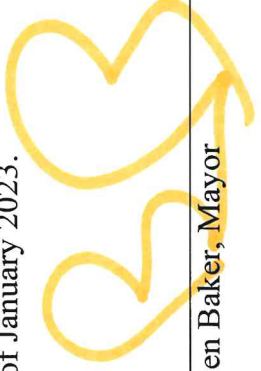
WHEREAS, Many residents of Dayton, Kentucky (hereinafter referred to as "the Who Deyton Nation") are proud of the city's past history with the original Cincinnati Bengals professional football team and are big fans of the current Cincinnati Bengals franchise, founded by Paul Brown in 1966 and currently owned and operated by his son, Mike Brown, and his family; and

WHEREAS, The Who Deyton Nation has watched with excitement during the 2022-23 season as Bengals, led by quarterback Joe Burrow, finished the season 12-4 and is seeking to return the Super Bowl for a second consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, The City of Dayton, Kentucky, and the Who Deyton Nation wish to recognize the Cincinnati Bengals for its successful 2022-23 football season and support the team in its upcoming game against the Buffalo Bills.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ben Baker, Mayor of the City of Dayton, Kentucky, hereby proclaim that the City of Dayton, Kentucky, will once again be renamed "**Who Deyton, Kentucky,**" during team's run to this year's Super Bowl, which will be held at State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Arizona, on February 12, 2023.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Dayton, Kentucky to be affixed the 18th day of January 2023.



Ben Baker, Mayor