



*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, for the first time since 1990, is playing in the AFC Championship game of the National Football League playoffs on Sunday, Jan. 30, 2022 after defeating the Tennessee Titans in Nashville, Tenn. on Jan. 22; 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 2021-22 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

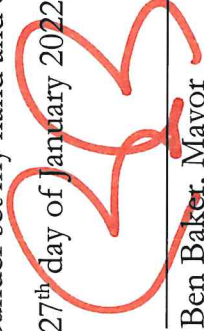
**WHEREAS,** The Who Deyton Nation has watched with excitement during the 2021-22 season as Cincinnati Bengals, led by quarterback Joe Burrow, finished the season 10-7, won its first AFC North championship since 2015, and is playing in its first Conference Championship since 1988 on Sunday; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Dayton, Kentucky, and the Who Deyton Nation wish to recognize the Cincinnati Bengals for its successful 2021-22 football season and support the team in its upcoming game against the Kansas City Chiefs, which, if they

win, means the Bengals will be play in Super Bowl LVI in Los Angeles on Sunday, Feb. 13, 2022.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ben Baker, Mayor of the City of Dayton, Kentucky proclaim that this Sunday, January 30, 2022, the City of Dayton, Kentucky, will again be renamed **“Who Dayton, Kentucky,”** and that this name will remain in place during the time that the Bengals remain in contention for the Vince Lombardi Trophy and I encourage all members of the Who Deyton Nation to support and root on the Bengals to a victory in its game this Sunday against the Kansas City Chiefs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Dayton, Kentucky to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.



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Ben Baker, Mayor