



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 1991, is playing in the second round of the National Football League playoffs on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022; 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

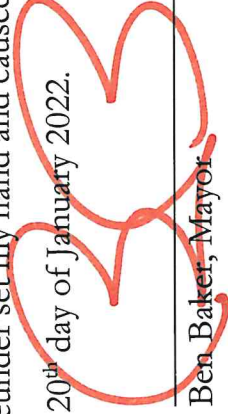
WHEREAS, Many residents of Dayton, Kentucky (hereinafter referred to as "the WhoDeyton Nation") are proud of the city's past history with the original Cincinnati Bengals professional football team and are fans and supporters of the current Cincinnati Bengals franchise, founded by Paul Brown in 1966 and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

WHEREAS, The WhoDeyton Nation has watched with excitement during the 2021-22 season as Cincinnati Bengals, led by quarterback Joe Burrows, finished the season with a 10-7 record, won its first AFC North championship since 2015, and its first divisional playoff win since 1991; and

WHEREAS, The City of Dayton, Kentucky, and the WhoDeyton Nation wish to recognize the Cincinnati Bengals for its successful 2021-22 football season and support the team in its upcoming game against the Tennessee Titans and for other games it may play on the way to Super Bowl LVI.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ben Baker, Mayor of the City of Dayton, Kentucky let be proclaimed that on Saturday, January 22, 2022, the City of Dayton, Kentucky, will be renamed **“WhoDeyton, Kentucky,”** and that same day will be recognized as **“Cincinnati Bengals Day”** in the city of WhoDeyton, Kentucky, in recognition of the original Cincinnati Bengals of 1934-37 who practiced and played in Dayton and the current Cincinnati Bengals franchise (1966-to present) and encourages all members of the WhoDeyton Nation to support and root on the Bengals to victory in its game this Saturday afternoon against the Tennessee Titans in Nashville, Tenn.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Dayton, Kentucky to be affixed this 20th day of January 2022.



Ben Baker, Mayor