

Proclamation

OFFICE OF MAYOR FRANK G. JACKSON

City of Cleveland, Ohio

Designating a local holiday for the Cleveland Cavaliers

2016 National Basketball Association Champions

Whereas, on behalf of the citizens of the City of Cleveland, I am pleased to offer this Proclamation designating June 22, 2016, as a local holiday celebrating the Cleveland Cavaliers' historic season and 2016 National Basketball Association (NBA) Championship; and,

Whereas, the City of Cleveland has not seen a major professional sports championship in 52 years; the Cleveland Cavaliers have finally broken this streak, hitting on the heartstrings of thousands of Cleveland sports fans; and,

Whereas, the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Golden State Warriors 93-89 in a nail-biting Game 7 of the NBA Finals; one of the hardest fought games in NBA history. This game was watched by 30.8 million viewers, the most since Game 6 of the 1998 Finals; and,

Whereas, the Cleveland Cavaliers are the first team in the history of the NBA to come back and win it all after being down 3-1 in the Finals series; in fact, only three teams out of 33 have ever forced an NBA Finals Game 7 after trailing 3-1; and,

Whereas, the entire 2016 Cavaliers Championship team, Matthew Dellavedova, Channing Frye, Kyrie Irving, LeBron James, Richard Jefferson, Dahntay Jones, James Jones, Sasha Kaun, Kevin Love, Jordan McRae, Timofey Mozgov, Iman Shumpert, J.R. Smith, Tristan Thompson, and Mo Williams, fought with grit to solidify this 73-win/30-loss season. Together, they earned every regular season, playoff and finals game victory with a tenacious attitude and a commitment to success. By working together as a team, lifting each other up and staying focused, they were able to bring home a title for Cleveland; and,

Whereas, LeBron James was unanimously named the Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the NBA Finals series for his undeniable talent and leadership. He had a triple-double with 27 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists, and two steals and three blocks in the Game 7 victory. Kyrie Irving's laser 3-pointer, with 53 seconds left in the game, broke an 89-89 stalemate and proved to be the winning points for the Cavs victory; and,

Whereas, the skills of the entire team working together as one unit, led by general manager David Griffin and head coach Tyronn Lue, allowed the Cavs to clinch the first championship in franchise history - a commitment made to Clevelanders by majority owner and chairman Dan Gilbert and minority owners and vice-chairmen Jeff Cohen and Nate Forbes. The work of organizational leaders such as Cavaliers and Quicken Loans Arena Chief Executive Officer Len Komoroski, and the ground-up commitment from every member of the entire Cavaliers organization, lent support to the Cavs' success; and,

Whereas, the City of Cleveland is proud to celebrate the Cleveland Cavaliers Championship Parade and Rally in honor of the team's historic season and Cleveland's first NBA Championship. The strength and determination displayed throughout the season, post-season and championship game are truly the embodiment of our city and its people.

Now therefore, I, Frank G. Jackson, the 56th Mayor of the City of Cleveland, do hereby offer this Proclamation declaring June 22, 2016 as a Cleveland holiday in honor of our hometown champions, the Cavaliers. I invite all citizens to join me in congratulating the Cleveland Cavaliers organization, coaching staff, players, and fans on an unprecedented NBA finals victory and celebrating this historic win for Cleveland.

In witness thereof, I have set my hand and caused the Corporate Seal of the City of Cleveland to be affixed on this 22nd day of June in the year 2016.


Mayor Frank G. Jackson