

RESOLUTION NO. 52 - 2020

RECOGNIZING that the practice of involuntary servitude of the duly convicted is both heinous and inhumane; and **URGING** the members of the Ohio General Assembly and the United States Congress to take action to remove the phrase from the United States Constitution.

WHEREAS, the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution states that “Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction”; and

WHEREAS, the phrase “except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted” has allowed the practice of involuntary servitude to continue since the passage of the Thirteenth Amendment in 1865; and

WHEREAS, the practice of involuntary servitude of the duly convicted is both heinous and inhumane; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and Council of the City of Cincinnati expresses their support for the removal of the phrase “except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted” from the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

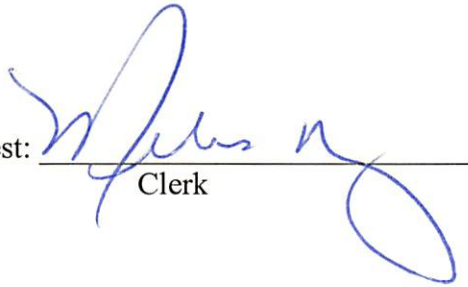
Section 2. That the Mayor and Council urge the members of the Ohio General Assembly and the United States Congress respectively to take action to remove the phrase from the United States Constitution and to make the same change to Article 1, Section 6 of the Ohio Constitution.*

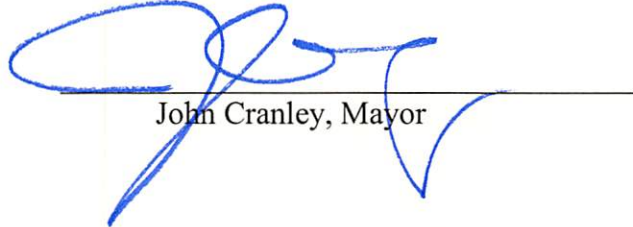
Section 3. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that copies be sent to Governor Mike DeWine; Lieutenant Governor Jon Husted; Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives Robert R. Cupp; Senate President Larry Obhof; Senate Minority Leader Kenny Yuko; State Senator Steve Wilson; State Senator Cecil Thomas; State Senator Lou Terhar; House Minority Leader Emilia Sykes; State Representative Bill Seitz; State Representative Catherine Ingram; State Representative Thomas Brinkman; State Representative Brigid Kelly; State

(*Incorporates changes made on the floor of Council on September 30, 2020.)

Representative Sedrick Denson; State Representative Jessica Miranda, U.S. Representative Steve Chabot; and U.S. Representative Brad Wenstrup.

Passed September 30, 2020

Attest: 
Clerk


John Cranley, Mayor

Submitted by Councilmember Jeff Pastor