



**Date:** August 31, 2020

**To:** Councilmember Jeff Pastor

**From:** Andrew W. Garth, Interim City Solicitor

*AWG*

**Subject:** **Resolution – 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment**

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Transmitted herewith is a resolution captioned as follows:

**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.

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**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ – 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 to take action to remove the phrase from the United States 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

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

Passed \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

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John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Jeff Pastor