

Proclamation
OFFICE OF MAYOR FRANK G. JACKSON
City of Cleveland, Ohio

In recognition of

*John D. Cimperman and the 45th Anniversary of
The Cleveland Landmark Commission*

Whereas, on behalf of the citizens of the City of Cleveland, I am honored to offer this Proclamation in recognition of John D. Cimperman and the 45th Anniversary of The Cleveland Landmark Commission as we celebrate their contributions to historic preservation in the City of Cleveland; and,

Whereas, Mr. Cimperman, former Cleveland City Councilman, saw historic preservation as a means to invigorate Cleveland's economy and protect its unique history. In 1971, he wrote the Landmarks Ordinance, the first in Ohio, and placed legislation before City Council. It passed despite the era of demolition and urban renewal when the predominant attitude was to tear everything down and build new; and,

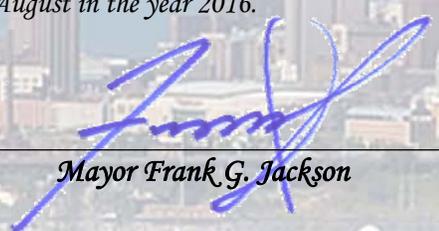
Whereas, Cleveland City Hall, located at 601 Lakeside Avenue, opened on July 4, 1916; in 1972, it was the first building dedicated as a Landmark by the Commission. It is fitting to recognize the 45th Anniversary of the Cleveland Landmark Commission and its founder in coordination with Cleveland City Hall's centennial year; and,

Whereas, under Mr. Cimperman's leadership for 18 years, the Cleveland Landmarks Commission pursued strategies to demonstrate that preserving historic Cleveland would result in sustainable economic development, use resources more efficiently, create local jobs, stabilize neighborhoods, protect affordable housing, attract new businesses and residents, and make the city a more appealing place to live and work; and,

Whereas, Mr. Cimperman is the current President of the Early Settlers Association of the Western Reserve, where he continues to promote, observe and celebrate worthy architectural, civic, educational and cultural goals in Cleveland. He has also lectured on urban planning at many universities, published numerous articles and books, served on many state and national boards, and received prestigious awards. He has led the movement to help stabilize and save historic neighborhoods, as well as the architecturally significant buildings that represent Cleveland's history. He has truly made a lasting and positive impact on the City of Cleveland.

Now therefore, I, Frank G. Jackson, the 56th Mayor of the City of Cleveland, do hereby offer this Proclamation celebrating John D. Cimperman's life-time achievements in preserving Cleveland's history, art and architecture with the Landmark Commission on the occasion of its 45th Anniversary. I invite all citizens to join me in extending warm greetings to Mr. Cimperman and wishing him many more years of success.

In witness thereof, I have set my hand and caused the Corporate Seal of the City of Cleveland to be affixed on this 11th day of August in the year 2016.



Mayor Frank G. Jackson