

The local theater is showing the latest superhero movie, while we watch costumed adventurers on television. And it is all due to the first and greatest superhero of them all - Superman.

The history of the state of Ohio is full of heroic individuals, many of whom have inspired others to emulate them, making Ohio a true birthplace of heroes. Although a fictional character, Superman has been the hero of boys and girls since his first appearance in 1938. This is perhaps in part because, like many of our ancestors, he came to our nation as a castoff. Again, like those ancestors, he took our sincerest morals and greatest examples to his own heart in place of his own lost culture. After all, he does stand for truth, justice, and the American way.

The creators of Superman, Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster, came from Cleveland, truly a city of wonders. And they created a new wonder of the world. There is no corner of the globe where the red symbol on our Ohioan hero's chest is unknown.

For these reasons and many others, I acknowledge the example he was for me and heartily endorse making June 12 officially Superman Day in Ohio.

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