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To whom it may concern,

As Mayor of the Village of Cadiz, I am very much aware of Moses Fleetwood Walker's contribution as the first African American Major League Baseball player. It gives me great pleasure to support and honor Moses as a pioneer of American's most treasured past time. He was also a trailblazing entrepreneur in our community following his baseball career.

From 1904 to 1922, Mr. Walker and his wife operated an Opera House located on Market Street in Cadiz. Retail stores presently occupy the first floor with apartments on the second floor of the structure. Currently, new owners of the property are refurbishing with the interest in maintaining the historical treasure.

The Village of Cadiz supports the efforts to establish a Moses Fleetwood Walker Day (October 7th) as introduced in Ohio House of Representatives Bill #59, sponsored by Representative West, Representative Leland, and co-sponsors. We seek your support in this campaign.

Please contact me should you have any questions. You can count on Cadiz to celebrate the accomplishments of Moses Fleetwood Walker.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Zitko Mayor of Cadiz, Ohio