



May 8, 2017

Ohio House of Representatives
Representative Bill Patmon
District 10
77 S. High Street
11th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Representative Bill Patmon:

On behalf of the board and staff of the Cleveland Public Library (CPL), I am pleased to provide this letter of support for House Bill 135 to designate June 12th as Superman Day in Ohio. The Cleveland Public Library has a long history of promoting Superman and the impact he has on our community and people from all over the world.

On Saturday, May 6, 2017 the Cleveland Public Library held our grand opening of the exhibit *Superman: From Cleveland to Krypton* to the delight of hundreds of children, superhero fans and library visitors. The exhibit follows Superman's journey from his creative birth in Cleveland, Ohio to his growing international popularity, his connection to social justice issues, his influence on the current superhero craze, and the pride our community maintains for its homegrown superhero. Three floors of exhibits in the Main Library feature memorabilia, art, and artifacts from the Mike Curtis Collection of Superman Memorabilia and other prominent collectors.

Our goal in creating this exhibit was to preserve the history of Superman, his Cleveland, Ohio born creators Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster and to build community pride in our past and hope for our future. The exhibit, which runs from May 6th to December 31st is free and open to the public during regular library hours.

The Cleveland Public Library is proud and excited to offer our support for House Bill 135 to designate June 12th as Superman Day in Ohio.

Sincerely,

Felton Thomas, Jr.
Executive Director/CEO

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