

Proclamation

City of Cincinnati

Be It Proclaimed:

Whereas, Mr. Bernard "Bugsy" "Pretty" Purdie is an American drummer and legend, sometimes called "The World's Most Recorded Drummer;" and,

Whereas, Bernard Purdie has delivered an amazing range of output influencing multiple generations and musical genres through his defining creation "The Purdie Shuffle," his many solo works, and through his session work with a wide range of musicians including Aretha Franklin, Steely Dan, Percy Sledge, Paul Simon, Jeff Beck, King Curtis, Nina Simone, Herbie Hancock, Dizzy Gillespie, Gil Scott-Heron, Hall & Oats, Bette Midler, B.B. King, Joe Cocker, Cat Stevens, Miles Davis and Louis Armstrong, just to name a few; and,

Whereas, Bernard Purdie created many definitive works on Cincinnati's King Records label and subsidiaries with James Brown, like "It's a Man's World," "Ain't That A Groove," "Cottage For Sale," "Suffering With The Blues," "Fever," and also with Vicki Anderson on "You've Got The Power," King Coleman on "Three Soulful Mice," and Mickey & Sylvia on "Love is Strange," and later recorded with fellow King Records alumni Alfred "Pee Wee" Ellis and Eddie "Cleanhead" Vinson; and,

Whereas, the City of Cincinnati welcomes Mr. Purdie back to Cincinnati to record with Bootsy Collins and visit the recently saved King Records studio buildings in Evanston; and,

Whereas, the City of Cincinnati extends an invitation to Mr. Purdie to return to Cincinnati in the future and further join King Records legacy artists like Bootsy Collins, Otis Williams, and Philip Paul in the revival of a King Records studio, education, and entertainment center to record and produce new sacred music at 1540 Brewster Avenue;

Now, Therefore, I, John Cranley,
Mayor of the City of Cincinnati do hereby proclaim January 5, 2019

as

"Bernard Purdie Day"

in Cincinnati.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal of the City of Cincinnati to be affixed this Fifth day of January in the year Two Thousand and Nineteen.

John Cranley
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Mayor, City of Cincinnati