

Resolution No. 1204-2023

By Council Member Kazy

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Declaring October 22, 2023, as KISS Day in the City of Cleveland to celebrate the rock band's 50th year of making music and touring.

WHEREAS, KISS is an American rock band formed in New York City in 1973 by Paul Stanley (vocals, rhythm guitar), Gene Simmons (vocals, bass guitar), Ace Frehley (lead guitar, vocals), and Peter Criss (drums, vocals); and

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2014, KISS was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the first KISS Rock Group performance took place on January 30, 1973, at the Popcorn Club (renamed Coventry shortly afterward) in Queens; and

WHEREAS, KISS is currently in its 50th year of touring and making music; and

WHEREAS, when KISS performed in make-up originally, Stanley was known as "The Starchild", Simmons as "The Demon", Frehley as "The Space Ace" and Criss as "The Catman"; currently, KISS is made up of Stanley, Simmons, Cleveland's own drummer Eric Singer as "The Catman", and Tommy Thayer as "The Spaceman"; and

WHEREAS, other members of KISS have also included Eric Carr, Vinnie Vincent, Mark St. John and Bruce Kulick; and

WHEREAS, as America's #1 Gold Record Award winning group of all time in every category, KISS can easily be named one of rock's most influential bands; the Rock and Roll Hall of Famers have released 44 albums and sold more than 100 million albums worldwide; and

WHEREAS, KISS has earned more gold records than any American band in the history of the certification, and KISS has more than 30 Gold albums and 14 platinum albums; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that there are over 100,000 members of the KISS Army fan club; and

WHEREAS, KISS first performed in Cleveland on April 1st, 1974 at the Agora Arena, and have performed in the greater Cleveland area more than 28 times with other notable dates being June 21, 1975 at the iconic Cleveland Music Hall and January 8th, 1978 at the Richfield Coliseum during a blizzard that caused the band and many concert goers to have to stay the night at the Coliseum; and

WHEREAS, since first performing in Cleveland in 1974, KISS has never gone longer than 5 years without a live performance in the Cleveland area; and

WHEREAS, KISS is scheduled to perform its last Cleveland concert on October 22nd, 2023 at Rocket Mortgage Field House; and

WHEREAS, this Council celebrates the 50th year of KISS making music and touring by declaring this day KISS Day in the City of Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council declares October 22, 2023, as KISS Day in the City of Cleveland to celebrate the rock band's 50th year of making music and touring.

Section 2. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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10-16-2023

FOR: Council Member Kazy

