

Resolution No. 25-2022

By Council Member Conwell

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION
Urging the Law School Name Committee at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law to change the name of the law school to eliminate any reference to John Marshall.

WHEREAS, although John Marshall believed slavery was evil and opposed the slave trade, he nevertheless owned slaves most of his life; and

WHEREAS, in the early 19th century, Marshall expressed reservations about large-scale emancipation of slaves, in part because he feared a large number of freed slaves would rise up in revolution; and

WHEREAS, in 1817, Marshall joined the American Colonization Society, which favored sending freed blacks to Africa; and

WHEREAS, historians believe that Marshall owned hundreds of slaves on his several properties in various states, and bought and sold slaves throughout his life;

WHEREAS, this Council believes that because of John Marshall's life-long association with slavery, the Law School Name Committee should eliminate any reference to him regarding the college of law; 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 urges the Law School Name Committee at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law to change the name of the school to eliminate any reference to John Marshall.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Dean Lee Fisher, Chair of the Law School Name Committee.

Section 3. 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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READ FIRST TIME on JANUARY 10, 2022
and referred to DIRECTOR of Law;
COMMITTEE on Finance Equity Inclusion and Diversity

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COMMITTEE ON
FINANCE, EQUITY, INCLUSION
and DIVERSITY**

FILED WITH COMMITTEE

