

Resolution No. 177-2021**By Council Member:** Kelley**An emergency resolution designating March 25, 2021, as Michael Stanley Day in Cleveland.**

WHEREAS, anyone who grew up in Cleveland in the 1970's or 1980's knew Michael Stanley as the biggest rock star in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Michael Stanley and his band were a Midwest powerhouse, hugely popular in Cleveland, Detroit and Pittsburgh, with pockets of popularity elsewhere in the country; but to Clevelanders, Stanley was a favorite son and our own King of Rock and Roll; and

WHEREAS, Stanley's popularity in his hometown was because he and his band rocked and rolled with the grit and drive that is quintessential Midwest, and genuinely, essential Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, he formed the Michael Stanley Band in 1974; the band was "a muscular blue-collar outfit" whose energetic and passionate performances broke attendance records multiple times at Blossom Music Center, the Coliseum, the Front Row and Cleveland Municipal Stadium; and

WHEREAS, Michael Stanley died on March 5, 2021, of lung cancer at the age of 72; to thousands of Northeast Ohioans, his death brought back fond memories of rocking and rolling at MSB concerts in their youth; and

WHEREAS, Michael Stanley will live on through his iconic music and lyrics: "thank God for the man who put the white lines on the highway"; 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 designates March 25, 2021, as Michael Stanley Day in Cleveland.

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.