

# Resolution No. 839-2024

## AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Declaring August 11, 2024, as Eric Carmen Day in the City of Cleveland.

By Council Member Kazy

**FOR PASSAGE**  
**August 7, 2024**

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2024, Cleveland City Council, the City of Cleveland, and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame are celebrating Eric Carmen and the Raspberries which will receive the second annual “Music Keynote to the City”, accepted posthumously by Eric’s widow Amy; and

WHEREAS, “Eric Carmen is – by far – the most successful musical artist to call Cleveland home,” said Councilman Kazy. “He was a great musician who played multiple instruments and his passing in March was a great loss.”; and

WHEREAS, as lead singer and songwriter for the Raspberries, Eric Carmen led the band in numerous hits, including the top-5, million-selling “Go All The Way,” “I Wanna Be With You,” “Let’s Pretend,” and “Overnight Sensation (Hit Record)” – one of Rolling Stone magazine’s best records of 1974; and

WHEREAS, Eric and the Raspberries released four studio albums before disbanding for a time; in 1986, Eric released the song “The Rock Stops Here,” which sold thousands of copies locally as part of the fundraising efforts to land The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, the classic lineup reunited in 2004, playing 16 shows to sellout crowds across the country, the first of which – in Cleveland - sold out in 4 minutes, and afterwards, the Raspberries released two concert recordings, 2007’s “Live On Sunset Strip,” recorded at the band’s 2004 first reunion concert; and

WHEREAS, prior to the band reuniting in 2004, Carmen toured with Ringo Starr & His All-Star Band; the band’s last performance was at The Rock And Roll Hall Of Fame And Museum as headliners for a private VIP concert during 2009’s Induction Week festivities; and

WHEREAS, Eric also had success as a solo artist, with hits including “All By Myself” (a top five hit for both Eric and for Celine Dion), “Never Gonna Fall In Love Again,” “Hungry Eyes” (the top-5 hit from Dirty Dancing), the top 3 smash “Make Me Lose Control,” “Almost Paradise” (Love Theme From “Footloose”), “Hey Deanie,” “That’s Rock ‘n Roll,” and “She Did It”; and

WHEREAS, Eric’s songs have been recorded and performed by a diverse group of dozens of international artists including Frank Sinatra, Celine Dion, Ann Wilson, Sheryl Crow, Patti LaBelle, Axl Rose, Motley Crue, Hank Williams Jr., Henry Mancini, Diana Ross, Olivia Newton-John, The Bay City Rollers, and Frankie Valli; and

WHEREAS, Eric has written and/or recorded songs on various albums and soundtrack recordings that have sold in excess of 100,000,000 records worldwide, either as a solo artist, with Raspberries or by artists covering his songs; and

WHEREAS, he was a co-star of the 1987 “Dirty Dancing” Tour, and is featured on several mega successful soundtracks, including 1985’s “Footloose” and 2014’s “Guardians Of The Galaxy Vol. 1.”; and

WHEREAS, Eric was also nominated for a Grammy as co-writer of the top-5 hit “Almost Paradise,” and 1987’s “Dirty Dancing”, and he sang and produced the top-5 hit “Hungry Eyes”; and

WHEREAS, this Council celebrates Eric Carmen’s musical contributions by declaring his birthday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, Eric Carmen 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 August 11, 2024 as Eric Carmen Day in the City of 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.

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8-7-2024  
FOR: Council Member Kazy

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**REPORTS**

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**CITY CLERK**

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**READ THIRD TIME on AUGUST 7, 2024**

**PRESIDENT**

**CITY CLERK**

**APPROVED**

**MAYOR**

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