Resolution No. 1235-2026

By Council Member Kazy

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION
Declaring October 13th as Bernie Kosar Day in the City of Cleveland.

WHEREAS, Bernie Kosar was born in Youngstown, Ohio and attended Boardman High School, where he earned *Parade* magazine All-American honors in 1981 as a senior and was Ohio's Division I "Player of the Year"; and

WHEREAS, while in college, Kosar led the University of Miami to its first National Championship and earned the 1983 Orange Bowl MVP for his performance; and

WHEREAS, Kosar graduated from the University of Miami School of Business with a double major in finance and economics; he took 18 credit hours during the spring of 1985 and an additional six during the summer to graduate early; and

WHEREAS, On July 3rd, 1985, the Cleveland Browns drafted Bernie Kosar with the number one overall pick in the supplemental draft; and

WHEREAS, Kosar made his first NFL regular season start for the Cleveland Browns on October 13th, 1985, leading the team to a 21-6 victory over the Houston Oilers; and

WHEREAS, Kosar's most productive year statistically was 1987; in the strike-shortened season, he completed 62 percent of his passes for 3,033 yards and 22 touchdowns and led the AFC in quarterback rating; and

WHEREAS, he set a record for consecutive playoff games with at least three touchdown passes (three games), having thrown three scores against both Indianapolis and Denver in 1987, and three against Buffalo in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Kosar started the 1990 season by setting an NFL record for consecutive pass attempts without an interception with 286; in 1991, he threw 3,487 yards and 18 touchdowns to only 9 interceptions; and in 1990 and 1991, Kosar set league records by throwing 308 consecutive passes without an interception, which stood as an AFC League record for almost two decades; and

WHEREAS, Kosar guided the Cleveland Browns to five consecutive postseason appearances from 1985 through 1989, winning three AFC Central division titles and reaching the AFC Championship Game in 1986, 1987 and 1989; and

WHEREAS, he played 112 games for the Cleveland Browns, passing for 21,904 yards and throwing 116 touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, as the starting quarterback known for his poise in high-pressure, heart-pounding games, fans affectionately called Kosar the "Cardiac Kid"; and

WHEREAS, he was the subject of the Cleveland Browns tribute song "Bernie Bernie" that was recorded and released in 1986 and became a massive number one radio hit on WMMS-FM in 1987; and

WHEREAS, because Bernie Kosar is beloved by Cleveland fans, this Council honors and celebrates his football contributions and legacy by declaring October 13th Bernie Kosar 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

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

Section 1. That this Council declares October 13th as Bernie Kosar Day in the City of Cleveland.

Section 2. That this Council directs the Clerk of Council to transmit copies of this Resolution to Bernie Kosar and the Cleveland Browns.

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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