



The Council
 City of Indianapolis
 Marion County

CITY-COUNTY SPECIAL RESOLUTION NO. 33, 2019

A SPECIAL RESOLUTION recognizing the weeks of September 15 and 22, 2019 as *Country Music Weeks* in Indianapolis.

WHEREAS, the Southeast Working-Class Task Force joined the Southeast Quality of Life Plan in 2015 with the intent of preserving the history and culture of the city's working people; and

WHEREAS, America's country music reaches across cultures, social-economic status and global geography; and

WHEREAS, country music's songs and its people preserve traditional values, tell stories about the lives of regular people, and in some instances, address social and cultural issues; and

WHEREAS, long before the days when the father of county music, Mr. Jimmie Rogers, the "Yodeling Brakeman" and A. P. Carter and the Carter Family were performing, Indianapolis working people and other rural Hoosiers were enjoying folk and hillbilly music; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 1940s to the 1990s Indianapolis sprouted a large variety of "honky tonks" playing hillbilly, bluegrass, rockabilly, country and country-western music, providing relaxation, conversation, fun, friendship, and a place to listen and dance to live country music; and

WHEREAS, Bill Monroe decided to hold his nationally famous Bluegrass Festival in nowhere else but Bean Blossom in Brown County, Indiana; and

WHEREAS country music went on radio in 1925 with the Grand Ole Opry's "National Barn Dance" on station WSM Nashville, Tennessee. Today, thirty seven percent of all America's radio stations play country; and

WHEREAS, since WIRE AM 1430 played country music from the late 1960s to 1980s, central Indiana has over a dozen country music radio stations, including HANK FM 97.1 and the nationally acclaimed WFMS 95.9, all of which show the popularity of country music; and

WHEREAS, local public television station WFYI, Channel 20, will broadcast the eight-day, sixteen-hour Ken Burns documentary, *Country Music*, September 15-18 and September 22-25, 2019 recognizing and validating the original contributions of country music to our American society; now, therefore:

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY-COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE
 CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS AND OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA:**

SECTION 1. The City-County Council recognizes the weeks of September 15 and 22, 2019 as Country Music Weeks in Indianapolis and encourages citizens to preserve the history and culture of the city's working people.

SECTION 2. The Mayor is invited to join in this resolution by affixing his signature hereto.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon adoption and compliance with IC 36-3-4-14.

This Special Resolution was sponsored by Councillors Mascari and Evans, and was passed by the City-County Council this 9th day of September, 2019.

ATTEST:

Vop Osili, President, City-County Council

SaRita Hughes, Clerk, City-County Council

Joseph H. Hogsett, Mayor

