



## *Proclamation*

### **RECOGNIZING BENJAMIN KURIAN OF OLENTANGY LIBERTY MIDDLE SCHOOL AS THE FIRST PLACE WINNER IN C-SPAN'S NATIONAL 2023 STUDENTCAM COMPETITION**

- WHEREAS:** the City of Powell is committed to diligence and perseverance; and
- WHEREAS:** Benjamin, who is in the seventh grade at Olentangy Liberty Middle School, is one of just four first-place prize winners out of more than 1,500 entries; and
- WHEREAS:** as part of the competition, now in its 19<sup>th</sup> year, students were asked to envision themselves in a position of power as a newly elected member of Congress and had to consider one issue as priority; and
- WHEREAS:** his documentary, "Losing a Generation", discussing the national opioid crisis, was also recognized as the fan favorite submission, earning him an additional honor along with the first-place prize; and
- WHEREAS:** in his six-minute documentary, he was able to deliver what he believes is the most important detail when addressing the crisis; addiction is a disease that won't be beaten without first erasing the stigmas that cloud people's assessments; and
- WHEREAS:** the City of Powell commends Benjamin Kurian of the Olentangy Liberty Middle School for his pursuit of excellence and outstanding accomplishment.

**THEREFORE,** I, Daniel Swartwout, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Powell, County of Delaware, Ohio, and on behalf of the community and staff recognize Benjamin Kurian with his accomplishment as first-place winner in C-Span's National 2023 StudentCam Competition, this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2023.

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Daniel Swartwout, Mayor