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To Recognize Artist Jeff Smith and Celebrate the Fourth Annual Cartoon Crossroads Columbus Festival

**WHEREAS**, Jeff Smith is the worldwide best-selling artist and author of BONE and other books, a proud resident of German Village and the beloved founder of Cartoon Crossroads Columbus (CXC); and

**WHEREAS,** Jeff Smith's art took him around the world for conferences and conventions, helping him craft his vision for a festival that engaged the community to celebrate the art of comics and cartooning; and

**WHEREAS**, CXC is enjoying its fourth fabulous festival September 27-30th, and making plans for another great year of programming, education, exposition, and celebration of the cartooning arts in 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, CXC was crafted in the Columbus Way, with thoughtful collaboration by Lucy Caswell, Vijaya Iyer, Jenny Robb, Caitlin McGurk, and many others; and

WHEREAS, CXC is a partnership among creative Columbus organizations: The Ohio State University's Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum, Cartoon Books, Columbus College of Art & Design, Columbus Metropolitan Library, Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus Cultural Arts Center, Comics Reporter, Experience Columbus, Greater Columbus Arts Council, Laughing Ogre Comics, OSU Pop Culture Studies, Short North Alliance, SOL-CON, Wexner Center for the Arts, and Thurber House, and

**WHEREAS**, CXC draws 150 artists and thousands of attendees from around the world, who can show their love for the art of comics and cartooning in a creator-first atmosphere where they can share experiences and help one another develop professionally; now, therefore,

## **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

That this Council hereby recognizes artist Jeff Smith and celebrates the fourth annual Cartoon Crossroads Columbus Festival.