

RESOLUTION NO. 35-2022 (CRR), *First Reading*

By Mayor Seren

A Resolution joining with HUD and other communities throughout the nation in the observation of April as *Fair Housing Month*; reaffirming the City of Cleveland Heights' commitment to open housing; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, in celebration of the 54th anniversary of the Federal Fair Housing Law, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") has promoted the observance of April as "Fair Housing Month" throughout the communities of this nation; and

WHEREAS, this City, since the year 1965, has continually and consistently approved and encouraged the concept of fair housing throughout the City of Cleveland Heights and the entire Cleveland metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, 46 years ago, in 1976, this Council committed itself to a Resolution establishing the Nine-Point Plan to promote a well-maintained, full-service residential community, to prevent re-segregation and to develop programs with residents, community organizations, the Board of Education, the business community, and other institutions to implement this Plan; and

WHEREAS, since that time, the City of Cleveland Heights has created and operated programs to continue integration and to educate and persuade residents and non-residents of the benefits of integrated neighborhoods in this City and others across the country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. This Council hereby proclaims April 2022 to be *Fair Housing Month* in the City of Cleveland Heights. The City joins with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and other communities nationwide in the observation of *Fair Housing Month* and hereby reaffirms its commitment established over 50 years ago to fair housing in Cleveland Heights and throughout the Greater Cleveland area and the nation.

SECTION 2. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights.

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SECTION 3. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to recognize *Fair Housing Month* on a timely basis. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

MELODY JOY HART
President of Council

AMY HIMMELEIN
Clerk of Council

PASSED: _____, 2022

Presented to Mayor: _____, 2022

Approved: _____, 2022

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Mayor