

Proposed: 02/06/2023

RESOLUTION NO. 017-2023(CRR), *First Reading*

By Councilwoman Russell

A Resolution proclaiming February 14, 2023 as National Donor Day; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, since 1998 February 14 has been recognized as National Donor Day in order to raise awareness and education about the critical importance of organ, eye, tissue, marrow, and blood product donation; and

WHEREAS, nearly 120,000 individuals are on the national organ transplant waiting list—and on average 20 people die per day while waiting for an organ transplant, with 6,000 people in the U.S. having died in 2021 while on the transplant list; and

WHEREAS, the need for blood products is no less critical, as one in seven people entering a hospital require a blood transfusion—approximately every two seconds, there is someone in need of a blood transfusion, which translates to the need of over 41,000 daily donations; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, nearly 20,400 donors brought new life to recipients and their families; and

WHEREAS, just one organ donor can save as many as eight lives, one tissue and eye donor can help restore the sight of two people; and

WHEREAS, Donate Life America encourages everybody who can to register to be a donor today and share the #DonateLife message.

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

SECTION 1. This Council hereby proclaims February 14, 2023 as National Donor Day and urges all of its residents to educate themselves on the gift of life and to encourage and support those affected within, and outside of, our community.

SECTION 2. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its content, 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 National Donor Day 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 the Council

ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: _____

Approved: _____

KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor