

RESOLUTION NO. 146-2023(CRR),
First Reading

By Councilwoman Russell

A Resolution recognizing September, 2023 as *National Infant Mortality Awareness Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, infant mortality refers to the death of a baby before his or her first birthday; and

WHEREAS, the United States ranks 29th among industrialized nations in the rate of infant mortality; and

WHEREAS, premature birth, low-birth weight, and shorter gestation periods account for more than 60 percent of infant deaths in the United States; and

WHEREAS, high rates of infant mortality are especially prevalent in communities with large minority populations, high rates of unemployment and poverty, and limited access to safe housing and medical providers; and

WHEREAS, infant mortality rates can be substantially reduced through community-based services such as outreach, home visitation, case management, health education, and intercessional care.

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

SECTION 1. This Council hereby proclaims September 2023 *National Infant Mortality Awareness Month* and supports efforts to educate residents about infant mortality and its contributing factors.

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

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 pass this Resolution on a timely basis. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five 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 and after the earliest time allowed by law.

