

RESOLUTION NO. 009-2024(CRR),
First Reading

By President Cuda

A Resolution proclaiming February, 2024 to be *American Heart Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, cardiovascular disease is responsible for approximately one (1) in four (4) deaths in the United States and is the leading cause of death among both men and women; and

WHEREAS, the risk factors for cardiovascular disease include smoking, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, obesity, physical inactivity, diabetes, family history and age; and

WHEREAS, the research is clear that there are tools available to increase survival rates of cardiovascular disease, with the American Heart Association encouraging citizens to help save lives by calling 9-1-1 if symptoms occur, becoming trained in CPR, and supporting comprehensive automated external defibrillator ("AED") programs in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association and numerous governmental entities are celebrating February 2024 as *American Heart Month* and encouraging citizens to learn the warning signs of heart attack and stroke; and

WHEREAS, this Council joins with these entities to encourage residents to raise their awareness about heart disease in order to make healthy lifestyle choices to reduce their own risk and to recognize the warning signs and be able to assist other persons suffering cardiovascular symptoms.

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

SECTION 1. This Council hereby proclaims February 2024 to be *American Heart Month* in the City of Cleveland Heights in order to promote education and awareness of cardiovascular disease with the goal of reducing cardiovascular deaths in this community and nationwide.

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 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace,

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health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to recognize *American Heart 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.



TONY CUDA
President of Council



ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

PASSED: 01/16/2024

Presented to Mayor: 01/22/2024

Approved: 01/22/2024



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Mayor