

RESOLUTION NO. 200-2024(PSH), *First
Reading*

By City Council Members and Mayor Seren

A Resolution recognizing October 24, 2024 as *International Climate Action Day* in Cleveland Heights; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, *International Climate Action Day* is an international event celebrated every October by more than 154 countries and over 2000 cities around the world in which awareness is created on the causes and effects of climate change and its impact on the quality of life, encourage people to consider more sustainable ways of living and play an active role in protecting the earth and;

WHEREAS, *International Climate Action Day* is Thursday, October 24, 2024 and;

WHEREAS, Climate Action Day is a global platform for climate action from all its perspectives, focusing on the establishment of strong policies, severe changes in the production model, effective technological developments and, above all, creating climate awareness and;

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights has a strong commitment to the promotion of efforts aimed at reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases and human-driven adjustments in economic, social, and environmental systems, in response to actual or expected climate stimuli and their impacts and;

WHEREAS, the City is taking action to address climate change by creating a Climate Action and Resilience Plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from City operations and the community, understand our exposure to climate hazards, asses our vulnerability and risk, and investigate and prioritize options to build resilience to climate change; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that embarking on efforts aimed at reducing greenhouse gases and will have several co-benefits such as improved air quality and public health, energy security, social equity, vibrant natural environment, and enhanced quality of life and;

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights has the opportunity to continue to be one of the leading municipalities in Ohio in increasing awareness of climate action and the benefits of building resiliency to climate change and its impacts by recognizing *International Climate Action Day 2024* and;

WHEREAS, the City similarly has the opportunity to continue to be one of the

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leading municipalities in Ohio in building resilience to climate change with an emphasis on climate justice and equity and;

WHEREAS, this Council wishes to recognize October 24, 2024 as *International Climate Action Day 2024*.

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

SECTION 1. This Council does hereby recognize Thursday, October 24, 2024 as *International Climate Action Day* in Cleveland Heights.

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, or by posting the full text of this Resolution on the City of Cleveland Heights website.

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 join with other communities in this celebration and the need to recognize *International Climate Action 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.



TONY CUDA
President of Council



ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

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Presented to Mayor: 10/24/2024 Approved: 10/31/2024



KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor