

RESOLUTION NO. 186-2024(CRR), *First Reading*

By Mayor Seren

A Resolution recognizing October 11, 2024 as *National Coming Out Day*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland heights historically has been a community that values and seeks diversity in its residents; and

WHEREAS, *National Coming Out Day* is an annual observance dedicated to celebrating and supporting individuals in the LGBTQ+ community as they share their authentic selves with the world; and

WHEREAS, founded on October 11, 1988, by Robert Eichberg and Jean O'Leary, *National Coming Out Day* commemorates the anniversary of the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights which took place in 1987; and

WHEREAS, it is a day of celebration and empowerment, and aims to raise awareness about the importance of coming out, challenge stereotypes and prejudices, and promote acceptance and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights is committed to equal rights for all Americans and is therefore proud to support all those committed to justice and equality in a crusade to outlaw discriminatory laws and practices and to protect LGBTQ+ communities from prejudice and persecution.

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

SECTION 1. This Council hereby proclaims October 11, 2024 as *National Coming Out Day* and urges all of its residents to participate by celebrating openness, sharing their stories, advocating for LGBTQ+ rights, offering support to individuals who are considering coming out or who have recently come out, and show your solidarity by wearing rainbow-colored clothing or accessories.

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.

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 Coming Out 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,

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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.



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President of Council



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Clerk of Council

PASSED: 09/16/2024

Presented to Mayor: 09/18/2024

Approved: 09/26/2024



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Mayor