

RESOLUTION NO. 013-2025(CRR), *First Reading*

By Mayor Seren

A Resolution recognizing February 2025 as *Black History Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights is rich in its diversity of cultures and races; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Cleveland Heights take great pride in the harmonious relationships that exist among and within the City's many diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, this Council recognizes the importance of sharing the rich cultural and spiritual heritage of each of the City's various ethnic groups in order to foster and encourage harmony and understanding among these groups; and

WHEREAS, the month of February is recognized as *Black History Month* by communities throughout the United States in order to learn about and honor the accomplishments and contributions of Black Americans to the United States, and the accomplishments and contributions of members of the African diaspora throughout the world.

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

SECTION 1. The month of February 2025 is hereby designated *Black History Month* in the City of Cleveland Heights in recognition of the accomplishments and contributions of Black American citizens to this community and to our country, and the accomplishments and contributions of members of the African diaspora throughout the world. The City hereby reaffirms its commitment to maintain Cleveland Heights as a truly integrated community and to continue the tradition of appreciation and respect of our cultural diversity.

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 to 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 recognize *Black History Month* in a timely fashion. 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.



TONY CUDA
President of Council



ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

PASSED: January 21, 2025

Presented to Mayor: 01/23/2025

Approved: 01/31/2025



KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor