

RESOLUTION NO. 9-2020 (CRR)

By Council Member Seren

A Resolution recognizing February 2020 as *National African American History Month*; and declaring an emergency.

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

WHEREAS, the citizens 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 *National African American History Month* by communities throughout the United States in order to honor and review the accomplishments and contributions of African Americans to the United States.

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

SECTION 1. The month of February 2020 is hereby designated *National African American History Month* in the City of Cleveland Heights in recognition of the accomplishments and contributions of African American citizens to this community and to our country. 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.

SECTION 3. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately 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 African American 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, 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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JASON S. STEIN, Mayor
President of Council

SUSANNA NIERMANN O'NEIL
Acting Clerk of Council

PASSED: February 3, 2020