

Proposed: 05/04/2020

RESOLUTION NO. 45-2020 (CRR)

By Council Member

A Resolution proclaiming May 2020 to be *Bike Month* in the City of Cleveland Heights; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, bicycling is a sociable, healthy, green, and economical mode of travel; and

WHEREAS, since 2010, the United States Department of Transportation has adopted a policy stating that “walking and bicycling are considered as equals with other transportation modes” and “not an afterthought in roadway design”; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio recognizes bicycles as valid vehicles for use on all Cleveland Heights roads; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Heights streets and buildings are ideally arranged in a compact, well-connected pattern making it easy to walk and bike to businesses, schools, and recreational and cultural facilities; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Heights continues to assess its transportation network and connections to other cities, finding grants for projects that improve the safety and comfort of bicyclists, such as the Cedar Glen Trail that connects Cedar Fairmount to University Circle, to the Lake to Lakes Trail, and to the bike lane buffers on North Park Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Heights was recognized as again in bronze-level, Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists in 2013 and 2017 for four-year periods; and

WHEREAS, educating cyclists on the proper and safe operation of bicycles and motorists on how to properly share roads with bicyclists (including our school children) is important to ensure the safety and well-being of all; and

WHEREAS, given the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on everyday life, the League of American Bicyclists has postponed its promotion of *Bike to Work Week* until September 21-27, 2020 and *Bike to Work Day* until September 22, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the annual *Ride of Silence* will take place in Greater Cleveland on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 as a virtual group ride in which participants are encouraged to engage in solo rides or rides with their household members, at the scheduled time, to honor those killed or injured while riding on public streets; and

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WHEREAS, Cleveland Heights Police have found having bicycle units is an outstanding and effective way to police parks, business districts and neighborhoods and to form positive relations with residents, especially children.

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

SECTION 1. This Council does hereby proclaim May 2020 to be *Bike Month* in the City of Cleveland Heights. This Council encourages all residents to review the laws and regulations governing bicycle safety and to use a bicycle for transportation to work and school, especially for trips within the City of Cleveland Heights.

SECTION 2. Notice of 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. 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 join with the other communities in this celebration and the need to proclaim *Bike Month* and related events 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.

JASON S. STEIN, Mayor
President of Council

SUSANNA NIERMANN O'NEIL
Acting Clerk of Council

PASSED: