

RESOLUTION NO. 128-2021 (PD), *First Reading*

By Council Member Ungar

A Resolution recognizing September 17, 2021 as Car Free Day and Park(ing) Day 2021 in Cleveland Heights and supporting Cleveland State University APA's celebration of Park(ing) Day on September 20, 2021 and Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority's celebration of Car Free Day on September 22, 2021; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, World Car Free Day is an international event celebrated every September by over 2,000 cities in 40 countries around the World in which people are encouraged to travel car-free or car-lite, by using transit, bicycling, walking, carpooling, or telecommuting; and

WHEREAS, World Car Free Day 2021 is Wednesday, September 22, 2021; and

WHEREAS, PARK(ing) Day is an annual, daylong global event on the third Friday in September where people collaborate to temporarily transform parking spaces into "PARK(ing)" spaces: tiny parks and places for art, play, and activism; and

WHEREAS, Park(ing) Day is Friday, September 17, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights has a strong commitment to environmental sustainability and promotion of alternative modes of transportation, as evident by the recent expansion of the Transportation Advisory Committee to the Transportation and Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights has the opportunity to be one of the leading municipalities in Ohio in increasing awareness of the benefits of alternative modes of transportation and the current struggles of actually travelling car-free or car-lite, by recognizing World Car Free Day 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City similarly has the opportunity to be one of the leading municipalities in Ohio in reimagining the public realm and rethinking how it can be utilized in more sustainable ways; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland State University APA will be celebrating Park(ing) Day on September, 20, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority will be celebrating Car Free Day on September 22, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights is supportive of these efforts and encourages continued regional coordination; and

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WHEREAS, this Council wishes to recognize Car Free Day 2021 and Park(ing) Day locally as well.

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

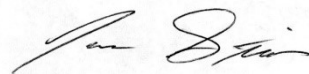
SECTION 1. This Council does hereby recognize Friday, September 17, 2021 as Car Free Day and Park(ing) Day 2021 in Cleveland Heights.

SECTION 2. This Council does hereby support Cleveland State University APA's celebration of Park(ing) Day on September 20, 2021.

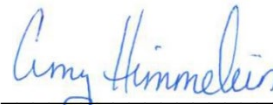
SECTION 3. This Council does hereby support Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority's celebration of Car Free Day on September 22, 2021.

SECTION 4. 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 5. 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 other communities in this celebration and the need to recognize Car Free Day and Park(ing) 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.



JASON S. STEIN
President of the Council



AMY HIMMELEIN
Clerk of Council

PASSED: September 13, 2021