



April 15, 2024  
Regular Meeting  
7:30 PM

Cleveland Heights City Hall  
Council Chambers  
40 Severance Cir  
Cleveland Heights, Ohio

**AGENDA - CLEVELAND HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

- 1) Meeting called to order by Council President
- 2) Roll Call of Council Members
- 3) Excuse absent members
- 4) Amendments to the Agenda (if necessary)
- 5) Communications from the Mayor
- 6) City Administrator's Report
- 7) City Departmental Report(s)
- 8) Report of the Clerk of Council
- 9) Poet Laureate  
Siaara Freeman
- 10) **Public Comment - Legislative Agenda Items only**  
(Note: Persons wishing to speak must register in advance. A 3-minute time limit applies. If there are more than 15 speakers, the time will be automatically reduced to 2-minutes. Council President reserves the right to reduce the time limit based on the volume of business on the agenda.)
- 11) **Public Comment - General**  
(Note: Persons wishing to speak must register in advance. A 3-minute time limit applies. If there are more than 15 speakers, the time will be automatically reduced to 2-minutes. Council President reserves the right to reduce the time limit based on the volume of business on the agenda.)
- 12) **LEGISLATION**  
*Note: The title for each piece of legislation contains a parenthetical reference to the Council Committee within which the subject matter of the legislation falls. Council Committees are abbreviated as follows: (AS)-Administrative Services; (COTW)-Committee of the Whole; (CRR)-Community Relations and Recreation;*

(F)-Finance; (HB)-Housing and Building; (MSES)-Municipal Services and Environmental Sustainability; (PD)-Planning and Development; (PSH)-Public Safety and Health. See Resolution 97-2022 for a list of Council Committee subject matter areas.

**a. First Readings – Consideration of Adoption Requested**

**RESOLUTION NO. 054-2024(COTW): First Reading.** A Resolution recognizing and congratulating the Cleveland Heights Lutheran East boys' basketball team for winning their second-straight Division III state championship; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by President Cuda, Vice President Russell, Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Cobb, Councilmember Mattox, and Councilmember Petras  
Move for Adoption

**b. First Readings Only**

**RESOLUTION NO. 055-2024(COTW): First Reading.** A Resolution supporting U.S. House Bill 82 (H.R. 82), the Social Security Fairness Act, sponsored by Rep. Graves (R-LA-6), the companion bill U.S. Senate (S. 597), sponsored by Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH), which seeks the elimination of the Government Pension Offset ("GPO") and the Windfall Elimination Provision ("WEP").

Introduced by Vice President Russell

**c. Second Readings**

**RESOLUTION NO. 051-2024(COTW): Second Reading.** A Resolution supporting U.S. Senate Bill 3681 ("S. 3681"), the Preparing and Retaining All ("PARA") Educators Act.

Introduced by Vice President Russell  
Move for Adoption

**RESOLUTION NO. 053-2024(PD): Second Reading.** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Strategic Structure Investments LLC for a loan under the City's Storefront Loan Fund Program to help renovate the storefronts at 2201 North Taylor Road; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency.

Introduced by Mayor Seren  
Move for Adoption

**d. Consent Agenda**

**RESOLUTION NO. 056-2024(CRR): First Reading.** A Resolution proclaiming May 2024 to be *Mary Dunbar Bike Month in the City of Cleveland Heights*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by President Cuda, Vice President Russell, Councilmember Cobb, Councilmember Mattox, Councilmember Larson, and Councilmember Petras

**RESOLUTION NO. 057-2024(PD): First Reading.** A Resolution declaring May 2024 National Preservation Month; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

**RESOLUTION NO. 058-2024(CRR): First Reading.** A Resolution recognizing May, 2024 to be *Mental Health Awareness Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by President Cuda, Vice President Russell, Councilmember Cobb, Councilmember Mattox, Councilmember Larson, and Councilmember Petras

**RESOLUTION NO. 059-2024(CRR): First Reading.** A Resolution recognizing May 5—May 11, 2024 to be *Professional Municipal Clerks Week*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by President Cuda, Vice President Russell, Councilmember Cobb, Councilmember Mattox, Councilmember Larson, and Councilmember Petras

**RESOLUTION NO. 060-2024(MSES): First Reading.** A Resolution recognizing May 6-10, 2024, as *Air Quality Awareness Week*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

**RESOLUTION NO. 061-2024(CRR): First Reading.** A Resolution recognizing May, 2024 as National Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by President Cuda, Vice President Russell, Councilmember Mattox, Councilmember Cobb, Councilmember Larson, and Councilmember Petras

**RESOLUTION NO. 062-2024(CRR): First Reading.** A Resolution recognizing April 23, 2024 as *National School Bus Driver Appreciation Day*;

and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by President Cuda, Vice President Russell, Councilmember Mattox, Councilmember Cobb, Councilmember Larson, and Councilmember Petras

**RESOLUTION NO. 063-2024(CRR): First Reading.** A Resolution proclaiming April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and every April 28<sup>th</sup> hereafter as *Workers Memorial Day*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Vice President Russell

**RESOLUTION NO. 064-2024(CRR): First Reading.** A Resolution proclaiming May 2024 as *Jewish American Heritage Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren, President Cuda, Vice President Russell, Councilmember Petras, Councilmember Cobb, Councilmember Larson, and Councilmember Mattox

Motion to suspend rules  
Move for adoption

**13) Committee Reports**

**14) Old Business**

**15) New Business**

**16) Council Member Comments**

**(Note:** Council comments should directly relate to the business of the City of Cleveland Heights, rather than personal reflection or commentary. A maximum 3-minute time limit applies, but the Council President may reduce time limit based on the volume of business on the agenda, the time of evening, or other similar factors.)

**17) Council President's Report**

**18) Adjournment**

**NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: MAY 6, 2024**

Proposed: 04/15/2024

RESOLUTION NO. 054-2024(COTW),  
*First Reading*

By President Cuda, Vice President  
Russell, Councilmember Larson,  
Councilmember Cobb, Councilmember  
Mattox, and Councilmember Petras

A Resolution recognizing and congratulating the Cleveland Heights Lutheran East boys' basketball team for winning their second-straight Division III state championship; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Heights Lutheran East boys' basketball team won their third state title in the last four years on March 24, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Heights Lutheran East defeated Canal Winchester Harvest Prep, 45-36; and

WHEREAS, in his final high school game, Lutheran East senior and Michigan State signee Jesse McCulloch had a game-high 18 points to go with nine rebounds and four blocks; and

WHEREAS, coach Sam Liggins said "it's a testament to our entire school. You don't achieve any of that without that kind of support."

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

SECTION 1. This Council recognizes the hard work and dedication of the Lutheran East boys' basketball team, and congratulates them on their victory at the OHSA Division III boys' basketball state championship game.

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. 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 celebrate the Lutheran East boys' basketball team's state championship win in a timely manner. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more members elected or appointed to 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 all the earliest time allowed by law.

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TONY CUDA  
President of Council

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ADDIE BALESTER  
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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KAHLIL SEREN  
Mayor

Proposed: 04/15/2024

RESOLUTION NO. 055-2024(COTW),  
*First Reading*

By Vice President Russell

A Resolution supporting U.S. House Bill 82 (H.R. 82), the Social Security Fairness Act, sponsored by Rep. Graves (R-LA-6), the companion bill U.S. Senate (S. 597), sponsored by Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH), which seeks the elimination of the Government Pension Offset (“GPO”) and the Windfall Elimination Provision (“WEP”).

WHEREAS, the Social Security Fairness Act H.R. 82 aims to rectify the inequities posed under current tax law by the Government Pension Offset (“GPO”) and Windfall Elimination Provision (“WEP”) on retirees’ Social Security benefits; and

WHEREAS, the GPO and WEP unfairly reduce or eliminate Social Security benefits for individuals who have earned both a government pension and Social Security benefit through other employment, disproportionately impacting public servants; and

WHEREAS, these provisions create undue financial hardship for retirees who have dedicated their careers to public service, often leaving them with significantly reduced retirement incomes and undermining the financial security they rightfully deserve in their golden years; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of the GPO and WEP would provide much needed relief to countless retirees across the nation, allowing them to access the full benefits they have earned through their contributions to both Social Security and government pension programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights recognizes the invaluable contributions made by public servants to our communities and believes in upholding fairness and dignity for all retirees.

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

Section 1. The Council of Cleveland Heights hereby expresses its full support for the pending Social Security Fairness Acts, H.R. 82 and S.597 and urges Congress to pass this critical legislation without delay.

Section 2. This Council calls upon federal lawmakers to prioritize the elimination of the Government Pension Offset (“GPO”) and Windfall Elimination Provision (“WEP”) to ensure equitable treatment of retirees who have dedicated their careers to public service.

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Section 3. This Council commits to advocating for the rights and well-being of all retirees, including those affected by the GPO and (WEP and will actively engage with federal representatives to champion this cause.

Section 4. This Council pledges to raise awareness within the community about the impact of the GPO and WEP on retirees' financial security and encourages residents to join in the efforts to support the Social Security Fairness Acts pending in the House and the Senate.

Section 5. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the majority and minority leadership in the United States Congress, and to members of the Ohio Congressional delegation urging their support for the Social Security Fairness Act.

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time permitted by law.

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TONY CUDA  
President of Council

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ADDIE BALESTER  
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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KAHLIL SEREN  
Mayor



Date: March 27, 2024

To: City Council Members

From: Addie Balester, Clerk of Council

Subject: RES 051-2024: Support for U.S. Senate Bill 3681

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**Purpose Statement:** To show council's support for U.S. Senate Bill 3681, the Preparing and Retaining All (PARA) Educators Act.

**Is this legislation recurring:** Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No:   X  

**Is emergency language necessary:** Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No:   X  

**If yes, why?**

**Is passage on first reading necessary:** Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No:   X  

**If yes, why?**

**If funding is required, is it already budgeted for?** Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

N/a – no funding required

**If not already budgeted for, where will funding come from?**

Proposed: 04/01/2024

RESOLUTION NO. 051-2024(COTW),  
*Second Reading*

By Vice President Russell

A Resolution supporting U.S. Senate Bill 3681 (“S. 3681”), the Preparing and Retaining All (“PARA”) Educators Act.

WHEREAS, this Council recognizes the indispensable role played by paraprofessionals in enhancing the educational experience of students in public elementary schools, secondary schools, and preschool programs; and

WHEREAS, the recruitment and retention of paraprofessionals are integral to maintaining the quality of education provided to students across the nation; and

WHEREAS, S. 3681, introduced in the U.S. Senate on January 30, 2024, and currently in the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, aims to establish a grant program dedicated to assisting schools in recruiting, training, and retaining paraprofessionals; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of S. 3681 seek to offer grants for pipeline and credentialing programs, facilitate high quality professional development opportunities and advancement, and higher wages for paraprofessionals; and

WHEREAS, by expressing support for S. 3681 this Council demonstrates its commitment to recognizing and valuing the significant contributions made by paraprofessionals, including teachers, aides, special educational aides, and other support staff in nurturing and educating the future generations of Ohio.

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

SECTION 1. This Council extends its full support to SB 3681 and urges its expeditious passage, acknowledging its potential to fortify our education system and invest in the holistic development of our youth.

SECTION 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to send a copy of this resolution to the sponsors of S. 3681.

SECTION 3. 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 4. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time permitted by law.

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TONY CUDA  
President of Council

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ADDIE BALESTER  
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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KAHLIL SEREN  
Mayor



Date: 3/22/24

To: City Council

From: Brian Anderson, Assistant Director of Economic Development

Subject: Resolution No. 053-2024 Storefront Renovation Project Loan Agreement

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**Purpose Statement:**

To approve a Storefront Renovation Loan in the amount of \$100,000 to Strategic Structure Investments LLC in connection with a Storefront Renovation Program project at 2201 North Taylor Road. The Storefront Renovation Program is a CDBG-funded program that has both a rebate and loan component to assist commercial property owners working with the City to make significant improvements to the exterior appearances of their building and work with our storefront design consultant to develop a scope of work for the project.

The total cost of the project is \$171,780.45. In addition to the \$100,000 loan, which has a five-year, zero percent interest payback schedule per the program guidelines, the project funding will also utilize the maximum \$40,000 rebate and \$31,780.45 of owner equity.

**Is this legislation recurring:** Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No:   X  

**Is emergency language necessary:** Yes:   X   No: \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes, why?**

To allow contractors to begin work/repairs in a timeframe consistent with the start of the construction season and expedite the completion of the project sooner.

**Is passage on first reading necessary:** Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No:   X  

**If yes, why?**

**If funding is required, is it already budgeted for?** Yes:   X   No: \_\_\_\_\_

**If not already budgeted for, where will funding come from?**

Proposed: 04/01/2024

RESOLUTION NO. 053-2024(PD),  
*Second Reading*

By Mayor Seren

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Strategic Structure Investments LLC for a loan under the City's Storefront Loan Fund Program to help renovate the storefronts at 2201 North Taylor Road; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency.

WHEREAS, Strategic Structure Investments LLC has applied to the City for a loan under the City's Storefront Loan Fund Program to assist in the renovations of the storefronts at 2201 North Taylor Road; and

WHEREAS, this Council has determined that the requested loan would be consistent with the objectives of the City's Storefront Loan Fund Program and in the City's best interest; and

WHEREAS, there are Community Development Block Grant funds available for this purpose.

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

SECTION 1. The Mayor be, and he is hereby, authorized to execute a loan agreement and all necessary documents to make a loan under the City's Storefront Loan Fund Program to Strategic Structure Investments LLC to assist in the renovations of the storefronts at 2201 North Taylor Road, subject to the submission of all requested documentation. The loan shall be in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) with a five (5) year repayment schedule. The loan shall be secured by a first position mortgage on the property at 2201 North Taylor Road and by a personal guarantee from Alfred Roberts in the amount of the loan. During the term of the loan, Strategic Structure Investments LLC shall provide adequate documentation to demonstrate compliance with all applicable Community Development Block Grant regulations. The loan shall contain such other terms as recommended by the Mayor and Director of Law and shall be approved as to form by the Director of Law.

SECTION 2. Notice of the 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. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health,

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and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to meet contractual deadlines during the construction season. 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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TONY CUDA  
President of Council

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ADDIE BALESTER  
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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KAHLIL SEREN  
Mayor



Proposed: 04/15/2024

RESOLUTION NO. 056-2024(CRR),  
*First Reading*

By President Cuda, Vice President  
Russell, Councilmember Cobb,  
Councilmember Mattox, Councilmember  
Larson, and Councilmember Petras

A Resolution proclaiming May 2024 to be *Mary Dunbar Bike Month* in the City of Cleveland Heights; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

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

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation released a policy statement in 2010 with the purpose of reflecting the Department's support for planning, funding, and implementing improvements to walking and bicycling transportation networks that "foster safer, more livable, family-friendly communities; promote physical activity and health; and reduce vehicle emissions and fuel use;" and

WHEREAS, Ohio law allows for the use of bicycles on all Cleveland Heights roads; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights shares the goals of the Heights Bicycle Coalition "to educate and encourage Heights community members to use bicycles as a sustainable and healthy form of transportation and recreation;" and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the City of Cleveland Heights passed Resolution No. 37-2018 adopting a Complete and Green Street Policy aimed at developing "a safe, comfortable, reliable, efficient, integrated, and completely connected multimodal transportation network providing access, mobility, safety, and connection to all users," which the National Complete Streets Coalition evaluated as the best new policy of 2018; and

WHEREAS, the League of American Bicyclists have recognized Cleveland Heights as a bronze award-level Bicycle Friendly Community since 2013; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Heights continues to assess its transportation network and connections to other cities and seek grants for projects that improve the safety and

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comfort of bicyclists, such as the Cedar Glen Trail that connects Cedar Fairmount to University Circle and the Lake-to-Lakes Trail; and

WHEREAS, educating cyclists on the proper and safe operation of bicycles and educating motorists on properly and safely sharing roads with bicyclists is important to ensure the safety and well-being of the public; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights wants to promote greater public awareness in the community of cycling as a sustainable and healthy form of transportation and recreation.

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

SECTION 1. This Council does hereby proclaim May 2024 to be *Mary Dunbar Bike Month* in the City of Cleveland Heights. The 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. 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 join with the other communities in this celebration and the need to proclaim *Mary Dunbar Bike Month* and related events on a timely basis. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five 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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TONY CUDA  
President of Council

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ADDIE BALESTER  
Clerk of Council

RESOLUTION NO. 056-2024(CRR)

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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KAHLIL SEREN  
Mayor

Proposed: 04/15/2024

RESOLUTION NO. 057-2024(PD), *First Reading*

By Mayor Seren

A Resolution declaring May, 2024 *National Preservation Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride, and maintaining community character while enhancing livability; and

WHEREAS, historic preservation is relevant for communities across the nation, both urban and rural, and for Americans of all ages, all walks of life, and all backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped us as a people; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights has 16 historic districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, in past years City staff has been involved in a wide variety of projects that help the City preserve and promote its historic resources including helping residents research their homes' histories; entering original building permit data into a database; providing on-site rehabilitation advice on topics such as paint color selection, paint removal, and window repair; sponsoring lectures to educate people about architecture, preservation, and Cleveland Heights history; assisting residents in researching and listing neighborhoods to the National Register of Historic Places and installing signs recognizing this designation; and funding improvements through the City's Storefront Renovation Program; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Heights has shown a continued dedication to promoting the City's history, architecture, and historic preservation through partnerships with the Cleveland Restoration Society to administer the Heritage Home Loan Program, a program that allows owners of older homes access to low-interest loans and the technical assistance necessary to sensitively rehabilitate their older homes; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2019, City Council adopted comprehensive amendments to the City's Landmark Commission ordinance to protect and enhance the historic and aesthetic qualities of the City for the enjoyment of the City's residents and visitors alike, and to further preservation goals by enabling the Landmark Commission to safeguard locally designated properties, protect properties as they go through the Landmark designation process, designate local historic districts where more than 50% of property

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owners consent, and protect designated properties from inappropriate alterations or demolition; and

WHEREAS, in March, 2019, the City of Cleveland Heights was designated a Certified Local Government (“CLG”) by the United States Department of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, as a result of obtaining CLG status, the City of Cleveland Heights applied for and was awarded in 2019 a grant from the State of Ohio to prepare Historic Preservation Design Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights Adopted those Historic Preservation Design Guidelines on October 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS Cleveland Heights operates the Cleveland Heights Historical Center at Superior Schoolhouse, which draws visitors and students for tours and research; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights has been hosting events to celebrate National Preservation Month since 2002; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights desires to co-sponsor National Preservation Month 2024 with the National Trust for Historic Preservation; and

WHEREAS, in Cleveland Heights, *National Preservation Month 2024* will be observed through the following three (3) events sponsored by the Cleveland Heights Landmark Commission, Cleveland Heights Historical Society, Heights Libraries, and Cleveland Restoration Society.

**May 2, 7 pm: Home Rehab 101**

**Speaker:** Home Repair Resource Center (HRRC)

**Location:** University Heights Library Branch

**May 8, 7 pm: The Development of Cleveland Heights: What the Van Sweringens Learned**

**Speaker:** Cosponsored by Heights Libraries, Cleveland Heights Historical Society, Cleveland Landmarks Commission, and Cleveland Restoration Society.

**Location:** Lee Road Library Branch

**May 16, 7 pm: University Heights: From Idlewood Village to City of Beautiful Homes**

**Speaker:** Deanna Bremer Fisher

**Location:** University Heights Library Branch

**May 29, 7 pm: The Stained-Glass Works of Douglass Phillips in Cleveland's Black Churches**

**Speaker:** Randy Brown

**Location:** Lee Road Library Branch.

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

SECTION 1. This Council does hereby proclaim May 2024 *National Preservation Month* and calls upon the residents of the City of Cleveland Heights to join their fellow residents across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

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 *National Preservation Month* 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.

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TONY CUDA  
President of Council

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ADDIE BALESTER  
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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KAHLIL SEREN  
Mayor

Proposed: 4/15/2024

RESOLUTION NO. 058-2024(CRR),  
*First Reading.*

By President Cuda, Vice President  
Russell, Councilmember Cobb,  
Councilmember Mattox, Councilmember  
Larson, and Councilmember Petras

A Resolution recognizing May, 2024 to be *Mental Health Awareness Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, founded by Mental Health America in 1949, the purpose of *Mental Health Awareness Month* is to raise awareness and educate the public about mental illness, including conditions like depression, schizophrenia, and bipolar disorder, and reduce the stigma surrounding mental illness; and

WHEREAS, our country faces an unprecedented mental health crisis among people of all ages, where two out of five adults report symptoms of anxiety or depression; and

WHEREAS, there is a proven connection between overall personal health and good mental health, which is critical to the well-being of our families, communities, schools, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, people with mental illnesses make important contributions to our families and our communities;

WHEREAS, even before the pandemic, rates of depression and anxiety were increasing, but the grief, trauma, and physical isolation of the last four years have driven Americans to a breaking point; and

WHEREAS, 57 million Americans have a mental disorder in any given year, but fewer than 40 percent of adults living with a mental illness, and slightly more than one-half of youths age 8 to 15 years with a mental illness, received mental health services in the last year; and

WHEREAS, our youth have been particularly impacted as losses from COVID and disruptions in routines and relationships have led to increased social isolation, anxiety, and learning loss, and more than half of parents express concern over their children's mental well-being; and

WHEREAS, stigma and fear of discrimination keep many who would benefit from mental health services from seeking help, and research shows that the most effective

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way to reduce stigma is through personal contact with someone with a mental illness;  
and

WHEREAS, *Mental Health Awareness Month* is both a national and local commitment to reducing the stigma associated with mental illness, encouraging those living with mental health conditions to get the help they need, and affirming our pledge to ensure those who need help have access to support, acceptance, and resources they deserve; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to improve public awareness of mental illness and to strengthen local and national awareness, so that all those with mental illness may receive adequate and appropriate treatment and support.

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

SECTION 1. This Council does hereby proclaim May, 2024 to be *Mental Health Awareness Month* and recognizes the necessity to continue to promote mental health awareness and access to mental health care resources.

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. 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 proclaim *Mental Health Awareness Month* 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.

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TONY CUDA  
President of Council

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ADDIE BALESTER  
Clerk of Council

RESOLUTION NO. 058-2024(CRR)

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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KAHLIL SEREN  
Mayor

Proposed: 04/15/2024

RESOLUTION NO. 059-2024(CRR),  
*First Reading.*

By President Cuda, Vice President  
Russell, Councilmember Cobb,  
Councilmember Mattox, Councilmember  
Larson, and Councilmember Petras

A Resolution recognizing May 5—May 11, 2024 to be *Professional Municipal Clerks Week*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, the Office of Professional Municipal Clerks is a time honored and vital part of local government and exists throughout the world and is the oldest among public servants; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Professional Municipal Clerks provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies, and agencies of government at other levels; and

WHEREAS, Professional Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all and serve as the information center on functions of local government and community; and

WHEREAS, Professional Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of Professional Municipal Clerks through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops, and the annual meetings of their state, provincial, county, and international professional organizations; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the Office of Professional Municipal Clerks.

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

SECTION 1. This Council does hereby proclaim May 6—May 11, 2024 to be *Professional Municipal Clerks Week* and recognizes the hard work and accomplishments of the Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk.

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. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and

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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 proclaim *Professional Municipal Clerks Week* 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.

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TONY CUDA  
President of Council

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ADDIE BALESTER  
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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KAHLIL SEREN  
Mayor

Proposed: 4/15/2024

RESOLUTION NO. 060-2024(CRR),  
*First Reading.*

By Mayor Seren

A Resolution recognizing May 6-10, 2024, as *Air Quality Awareness Week*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, Air pollution in the United States poses a public health threat affecting potentially millions of people throughout the country and is associated with health problems including asthma, increased emergency department visits and hospital stays for breathing and heart problems, and increases in illnesses such as pneumonia and bronchitis; and,

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is partnering with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Weather Service, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), U.S. Forest Services, U.S. National Park Service, U.S. Department of Energy, and U.S. Department of State to share information with the public about efforts to protect and improve air quality; and

WHEREAS, the theme for this year is “**Knowing Your Air,**” highlighting resources that increase air quality awareness to encourage people to take action and incorporate air quality knowledge into their daily living; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio EPA operates over 240 air monitors at over 120 sites around the state, which routinely check levels of sulfur dioxide, lead, particulate matter, nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide, and ozone to determine whether Ohio’s air meets federal standards established to protect public health; and

WHEREAS, according to the Ohio EPA’s 2022 Annual Report, the State of Ohio as a whole now meets the 2010 sulfur dioxide standard of 75 parts per billion and is developing plans to bring the Cleveland area into attainment in accordance with Clean Air Act deadlines; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio EPA awarded more than \$18.1 million in grants in 2022 to support projects that will reduce emissions from aging diesel engines, and these projects are expected to reduce more than 62 tons of annual emissions of nitrogen oxides (ozone smog precursors), fine particulates, carbon monoxide, and hydrocarbons; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights is undertaking a series of initiatives to track air quality and reduce the impact of poor air quality on those who live, work, and visit here.

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

SECTION 1. This Council does hereby proclaim May 6-10, 2024, to be *Air Quality Awareness Week* and urges every resident to take action and incorporate air quality knowledge into their daily living.

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. 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 join with other communities in this celebration and the need to proclaim *Air Quality Awareness Week* 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.

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TONY CUDA  
President of the Council

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ADDIE BALESTER  
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

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KAHLIL SEREN  
Mayor

Proposed: 04/15/2024

RESOLUTION NO. 061-2024(CRR),  
*First Reading*

By President Cuda, Vice President  
Russell, Councilmember Mattox,  
Councilmember Cobb, Councilmember  
Larson, and Councilmember Petras

A Resolution recognizing May, 2024 as *National Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, together with other communities throughout the country, the City of Cleveland Heights recognizes the significant contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Asian-American and Pacific Islander community is an inherently diverse population, composed of more than 45 distinct ethnicities and more than 100 language dialects; and

WHEREAS, according to the Census Bureau, the Asian-American population grew faster than any other racial or ethnic group over the last decade and surged nearly 72 percent between 2000 and 2015; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 22,000,000 residents of the United States who identify as Asian and approximately 1,600,000 residents of the United States who identify as Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, making up nearly 7 percent of the total population of the United States; and

WHEREAS, 2024 marks the 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Presidential Proclamation 4417 which condemned the incarceration of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents of Japanese ancestry during World War II; and

WHEREAS, 2024 also marks the 78<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the amendments made by the Act of July 2, 1946 (commonly known as the “Luce-Cellar Act of 1946”) which allowed Filipinos and Indians to immigrate to the United States and become naturalized citizens; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have made significant contributions to the United States at all levels of the Federal Government and in the United States Armed Forces, Including:

- Daniel K. Inouye, a Medal of Honor and Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient who, as President pro tempore of the Senate, was the highest

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ranking Asian-American government official in the history of the United States;

- Dalip Singh Saund, the first Asian-American Congressman;
- Patsy T. Mink, the first woman of color and Asian-American woman to be elected to Congress;
- Hiram L. Fong, the first Asian-American Senator;
- Daniel K. Akaka, the first Senator of Native Hawaiian ancestry;
- Norman Y. Mineta, the first Asian-American member of a Presidential cabinet;
- Elaine L. Chao, the first Asian-American woman member of a Presidential cabinet; and
- Kamala D. Harris, the first woman and the first Asian-American to hold the Office of the Vice President.

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

SECTION 1. This Council proclaims May, 2024 as *National Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month* and recognizes the importance of the celebration of the significant contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the history of the United States.

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 other communities in this celebration and the need to proclaim *National Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month* 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.

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TONY CUDA  
President of Council

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ADDIE BALESTER  
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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KAHLIL SEREN  
Mayor

Proposed: 04/15/2024

RESOLUTION NO. 062-2024(CRR),  
*First Reading*

By President Cuda, Vice President  
Russell, Councilmember Mattox,  
Councilmember Cobb, Councilmember  
Larson, and Councilmember Petras

A Resolution recognizing April 23, 2024 as *National School Bus Driver Appreciation Day*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, school bus drivers are the first school district employees who greet many of our students each morning and the last who say goodbye each afternoon; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights has great respect and admiration for school bus drivers and transportation employees who have dedicated their lives to our students; and

WHEREAS, school bus drivers play a vital role throughout the city, county, and state, traveling each year on regular routes, field trip routes, vocational routes, and special education routes; and

WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of children are of the utmost concern to all Cleveland Heights parents, who entrust school bus drivers with the welfare of their children, making them responsible for the ability to maneuver through traffic regardless of road conditions while maintaining the conduct of the children on the bus and who are looked to for leadership and life-saving decisions-making in the event of an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. This Council does hereby proclaim April 23, 2042 as *National School Bus Driver Appreciation Day* and recognizes the importance of our school bus drivers to safely deliver children to and from school every day.

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. 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 School Bus Driver Appreciation Day* in a timely manner. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members

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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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TONY CUDA  
President of Council

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ADDIE BALESTER  
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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KAHLIL SEREN  
Mayor

Proposed: 04/01/2024

RESOLUTION NO. 063-2024(CRR),  
*First Reading*

By Vice President Russell

A Resolution proclaiming April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and every April 28<sup>th</sup> hereafter as *Workers Memorial Day*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Heights City Council takes profound pride and great personal pleasure in recognizing *Workers Memorial Day 2024*; and

WHEREAS, on December 28<sup>th</sup>, 1970, President Richard Nixon signed into law the occupational safety and Health Act (OSHA), which went into effect on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 1971; and

WHEREAS, since 1989 community workers and local government leaders gather in April to commemorate those who have lost their lives working to provide a good standard of living for their families and communities; and

WHEREAS, even though OSHA intended to provide American workers the right to a safe workplace and required employers to provide safe conditions, tens of thousands of American workers are killed by workplace injuries or occupational disease every year, and tens of thousands more are permanently disabled and millions are injured or have become ill; and

WHEREAS, concerned Americans are determined to prevent these tragedies and all employers, including local governments are urged to dedicate their efforts to improve workplace safety, seeks stronger health standards enforcements, and are encouraged to treat workers with dignity as well as pursue constant improvements in safety; and

WHEREAS, Americans can honor our workers by observing *Workers Memorial Day* as a day to remember those victims of workplace injuries and disease, and by rededicating ourselves to improving safety and health in every American workplace.

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

SECTION 1. This Council hereby proclaims April 28<sup>th</sup> 2024 and every April 28<sup>th</sup> hereafter as *Workers Memorial Day* to honor all workers who have been injured, fallen ill or suffered a fatality as a result of a workplace incident.

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SECTION 2. Notice of the 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 the 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 public health and safety of the public of the city of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to recognize *Workers Memorial Day* in a timely matter. 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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TONY CUDA  
President of Council

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ADDIE BALESTER  
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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KAHLIL SEREN  
Mayor

Proposed: 04/15/2024

RESOLUTION NO. 064-2024(CRR),  
*First Reading*

By Mayor Seren, President Cuda, Vice  
President Russell, Councilmember  
Petras, Councilmember Cobb,  
Councilmember Larson, and  
Councilmember Mattox

A Resolution proclaiming May, 2024 as *Jewish American Heritage Month*; and  
declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an  
emergency measure.

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights recognizes the significant contributions  
of the Jewish community to our city; and

WHEREAS, in 1654 the first Jewish refugees sailed into the port of present-day  
New York City, fleeing oppression and discrimination and fought for their right to remain,  
becoming our nation's first Jewish community; and

WHEREAS, we honor these refugees for building a legacy of generations of  
Jewish Americans who have fought for justice, equality, and freedom for all Americans  
in the face of their own experiences with prejudice, persecution, and the horrors of the  
Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights is proud to be home to a large and  
vibrant Jewish community that has actively participated in our growth as a strong,  
diverse city; and

WHEREAS, *Jewish American Heritage Month* provides an opportunity for all  
residents to celebrate the rich history, traditions, and achievements of the Jewish  
community; and

WHEREAS, promoting awareness and understanding of Jewish heritage fosters  
unity, tolerance, and respect for all members of our diverse community; and

WHEREAS, designating May as *Jewish American Heritage Month* reaffirms our  
commitment to honoring and preserving the cultural heritage of all residents.

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

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SECTION 1. This Council does hereby proclaim May, 2024 as *Jewish American Heritage Month* in the City of Cleveland Heights and urges every resident to participate in activities and events that celebrate Jewish culture, history, and contributions.

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 *Jewish American Heritage Month* 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.

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TONY CUDA  
President of Council

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ADDIE BALESTER  
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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KAHLIL SEREN  
Mayor