

Proposed: 02/21/2023

RESOLUTION NO. 031-2023(CRR), *First Reading*

By Mayor Seren

A Resolution recognizing March 2023 as National Women's History Month and March 8, 2023 as International Women's Day; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

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

WHEREAS, in 1987 National Women's History Month was established as a way to celebrate women across the Nation, including their efforts to make the country and world a better place for women of all ages and races; and

WHEREAS, International Women's Day serves a number of important missions aimed at raising greater awareness about issues impacting women's equality, taking a stance to call out inequality while working to forge positive action, highlighting and applauding where important gains are being made, and celebrating women's achievements and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, women have played and continue to play a critical political, economic, cultural, and social role in our Nation and constitute a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and

WHEREAS, women were integral in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Nation; and

WHEREAS, women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement; and

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of women in American history has been historically overlooked and undervalued; and

WHEREAS, the month of March is recognized as National Women's History Month by communities throughout the United States, and International Women's Day is celebrated globally, in order to honor and celebrate the struggles and achievements of women throughout the history of the United States.

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

SECTION 1. The month of March 2023 is hereby designated National Women's History Month and March 8, 2023 as International Women's Day in the City of Cleveland Heights in recognition of the struggles and achievements of women in this community and our country. The

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City hereby reaffirms its commitment to preserve Cleveland Heights as a truly inclusive community and to continue the tradition of appreciation and honor of the women who came before us and fought for equality among all races and genders.

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. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety of the City, such emergency being the need to recognize National Women's 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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MELODY JOY HART  
President of Council

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ADDIE BALESTER  
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

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

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

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KAHLIL SEREN  
Mayor