

Proposed: 5/1/2023

RESOLUTION NO. 081-2023(CRR),
First Reading.

By Mayor Seren

A Resolution recognizing May 1-5, 2023, 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 “**Working Together for Clean 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 entire state of Ohio 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

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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;

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

SECTION 1. This Council does hereby proclaim May 1-5, 2023, 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.

MELODY JOY HART
President of the Council

ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: _____

Approved by Mayor: _____

KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor