

RESOLUTION NO. 145-2023(PD), *First Reading*

By Mayor Seren

A Resolution recognizing September 22, 2023 as Car Free Day and September 15, 2023 as Park(ing) Day in Cleveland Heights; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

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 2023 is Friday, September 22, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Park(ing) Day is a global event where people collaborate to temporarily transform parking spaces into “Park(ing)” spaces: tiny parks and places for art, play, and activism; and

WHEREAS, this year, Park(ing) Day is Friday, September 15, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights has a strong commitment to environmental sustainability and promotion of alternative modes of transportation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights has the opportunity to continue 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 2023 and Park(ing) Day; and

WHEREAS, the City similarly has the opportunity to continue 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, this Council wishes to recognize Car Free Day 2023 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 22, 2023 as Car Free Day and September 15, 2023 as Park(ing) Day in 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.

