

RESOLUTION NO. 152-2023(CRR), *First Reading*

By Mayor Seren

A Resolution recognizing October 2023 as *Domestic Violence Awareness Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, one in four women and a smaller, although significant, number of men will experience domestic violence in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, children who witness domestic violence are much more likely to abuse their future partners or children; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence can happen to anyone regardless of gender, income, ethnicity, race, religion, age, or sexual orientation and/or identity; and

WHEREAS, locally, the Domestic Violence & Child Advocacy Center has provided services to victims of domestic violence for forty years; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Domestic Violence & Child Advocacy Center is to empower individuals, promote justice, and mobilize the community so that all persons are free from violence and abuse in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights has been in the forefront of the fight against domestic violence, with its Police Department and Prosecutor being routinely commended for their aggressive, but fair, enforcement of domestic violence laws.

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

SECTION 1. This Council hereby proclaims October 2023 as *Domestic Violence Awareness Month* and urges all of its residents to educate themselves on the issues and to encourage and support victims of domestic violence and child abuse.

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 Domestic Violence Awareness Month on a timely basis. Wherefore,

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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: 09/18/2023

Presented to Mayor: 09/19/2023

Approved: 09/26/2023



KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor