

RESOLUTION NO. 153-2023(CRR), *First Reading*

By Councilmember Larson, President Hart, and Councilmember Boyd

A Resolution recognizing October 22—28, 2023 as *National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, children living in residential rental units build before 1978 are disproportionately at risk for unsafe levels of lead exposure from lead-based-paint hazards; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 6.5% of children residing in Cleveland Heights who were tested for lead poisoning had results greater than 5 ug/dl EBL or above the range accepted as normal; and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County then Deputy Director of Cuyahoga County Board of Health stated that “there shouldn’t be any children with lead exposure;” and

WHEREAS, this Council has now passed two pieces of legislation that require all residential rental units build before 1978 be certified as lead-safe, Ordinance 78-2021 and Ordinance 98-2023; and

WHEREAS, this Council has demonstrated its concern for the safety of the children of our community.

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

SECTION 1. This Council hereby proclaims October 22—28, 2023 as *National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week* to continue to build awareness of the dangers of Lead Poisoning.

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 and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to pass this Resolution 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

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shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force and after the earliest time allowed by law.



MELODY JOY HART
President of Council



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Clerk of Council

PASSED: 09/18/2023

Presented to Mayor: 09/19/2023

Approved: 09/26/2023



KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor