

Proposed: 10/2/2023

RESOLUTION 156-2023(CRR), *First Reading*

By Councilmember Russell

A Resolution recognizing October, 2023 as *LGBTQ+ History Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights support the rights, freedoms, and equality of all those who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+); and

WHEREAS, this Council recognizes that years of struggle for freedom and civil rights by LGBTQ+ people have contributed to the rich history of collective action championing equality for all people; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights celebrates this rich history, acknowledging the contributions LGBTQ+ individuals have made and continue to make to strengthen the fabric of American society and its promise of equal rights for all people; and

WHEREAS, October holds historical significance because the first LGBT National March on Washington occurred in October 1979, marking the 10th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots; and

WHEREAS, the month of October has now been established as LGBTQ+ History Month to remind all cultures within our wider community of the important roles LGBTQ+ people have taken in shaping the social, historical, legal, and political world we live in today; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights appreciates and recognizes the importance of LGBTQ+ History Month as an effective means of educating and calling to action its community to work together by fighting prejudice and discrimination in their own lives; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights believes everybody deserves to feel safe and welcome in their community, to be known by their preferred name, gender identity, and story.

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

RESOLUTION 156-2023(CRR)

SECTION 1. This Council hereby recognizes October 2023 as *LGBTQ+ History Month* and urges every resident to reflect on and celebrate the rich history of the LGBTQ+ community.

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 recognize *LGBTQ+ History Month* 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 HART
President of Council

ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor:

Approved:

KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor