

RESOLUTION NO. 205-2023(CRR),
First Reading

By Councilwoman Russell

A Resolution proclaiming January 2024 as *National Poverty in America Awareness Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, the 2023 federal poverty level (FPL) is an income of \$14,580.00 for an individual, \$19,720.00 for a family of two, and \$20,000.00 for a family of four; and

WHEREAS, the official national poverty rate according to the 2022 U.S. census is 12.4 percent, up of 7.4% from the previous year; and

WHEREAS, 51.4 percent of Americans will live in poverty at some point in their life before age 65; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 8 people in the United States are living below the poverty line, and 1 in 4 African Americans are living below the poverty line; and

WHEREAS, as of 2023 the poverty rate in Cleveland Heights is 16.39 percent; and

WHEREAS, awareness regarding poverty is important to help improve living conditions by enlightening those who are unaware of poor living conditions and encouraging them to join in on helping those in need.

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

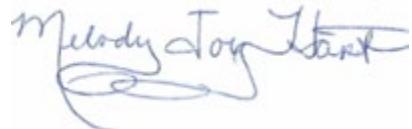
SECTION 1. This Council hereby proclaims January 2024 as *National Poverty in America Awareness Month* and urges all of its residents to educate themselves on the issues and to encourage and support the impoverished within our community.

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 *National Poverty in America Awareness Month* on a timely basis. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members

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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: 12/18/2023

Presented to Mayor: 12/22/2023

Approved: 12/27/2023



KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor