

RESOLUTION NO. 056-2024(CRR),
First Reading

By President Cuda, Vice President Russell, Councilmember Cobb, Councilmember Mattox, Councilmember Larson, and Councilmember Petras

A Resolution proclaiming May 2024 to be *Mary Dunbar Bike Month* in the City of Cleveland Heights; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, bicycling is a sociable, healthy, green, and economical mode of transportation and recreation; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation released a policy statement in 2010 with the purpose of reflecting the Department's support for planning, funding, and implementing improvements to walking and bicycling transportation networks that "foster safer, more livable, family-friendly communities; promote physical activity and health; and reduce vehicle emissions and fuel use;" and

WHEREAS, Ohio law allows for the use of bicycles on all Cleveland Heights roads; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Heights streets and buildings are ideally arranged in a compact, well-connected pattern making it easier to walk and bike to businesses, schools, and recreational and cultural destinations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights shares the goals of the Heights Bicycle Coalition "to educate and encourage Heights community members to use bicycles as a sustainable and healthy form of transportation and recreation;" and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the City of Cleveland Heights passed Resolution No. 37-2018 adopting a Complete and Green Street Policy aimed at developing "a safe, comfortable, reliable, efficient, integrated, and completely connected multimodal transportation network providing access, mobility, safety, and connection to all users," which the National Complete Streets Coalition evaluated as the best new policy of 2018; and

WHEREAS, the League of American Bicyclists have recognized Cleveland Heights as a bronze award-level Bicycle Friendly Community since 2013; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Heights continues to assess its transportation network and connections to other cities and seek grants for projects that improve the safety and comfort of bicyclists, such as the Cedar Glen Trail that connects Cedar Fairmount to University Circle and the Lake-to-Lakes Trail; and

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WHEREAS, educating cyclists on the proper and safe operation of bicycles and educating motorists on properly and safely sharing roads with bicyclists is important to ensure the safety and well-being of the public; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights wants to promote greater public awareness in the community of cycling as a sustainable and healthy form of transportation and recreation.

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

SECTION 1. This Council does hereby proclaim May 2024 to be *Mary Dunbar Bike Month* in the City of Cleveland Heights. The Council encourages all residents to review the laws and regulations governing bicycle safety and to use a bicycle for transportation to work and school, especially for trips within the City of 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.

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 join with the other communities in this celebration and the need to proclaim *Mary Dunbar Bike Month* and related events 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 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.



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Mayor