

RESOLUTION NO. 014-2025(CRR), *First Reading*

By All City Council Members

A Resolution proclaiming February 14, 2025 as *National Donor Day*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, since 1998 February 14 has been recognized as National Donor Day in order to raise awareness and education about the critical importance of organ, eye, tissue, marrow, and blood product donation; and

WHEREAS, more than 100,000 individuals are on the national organ transplant waiting list—and on average 17 people die per day while waiting for an organ transplant, with 6,000 people in the U.S. having died in 2021 while on the transplant list; and

WHEREAS, the need for blood products is no less critical, as one in seven people entering a hospital require a blood transfusion—approximately every two seconds, there is someone in need of a blood transfusion, which translates to the need of around 40,000 daily donations; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, nearly 20,400 donors brought new life to recipients and their families; and

WHEREAS, just one organ donor can save as many as eight lives, one tissue and eye donor can help restore the sight of two people; and

WHEREAS, Donate Life America encourages everybody who can to register to be a donor today and share the #DonateLife message.

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

SECTION 1. This Council hereby proclaims February 14, 2025 as *National Donor Day* and urges all of its residents to educate themselves on the gift of life and to encourage and support those affected within, and outside of, 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, or by publishing the full text of this Resolution to the City of Cleveland Heights website.

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

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to recognize *National Donor Day* 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.



TONY CUDA
President of Council



ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

PASSED: January 21, 2025

Presented to Mayor: 01/23/2025 Approved: 01/31/2025



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Mayor