

RESOLUTION NO. 067-2025(CRR), *First Reading*

By All City Councilmembers

A Resolution recognizing April 22, 2025 as *National School Bus Driver Appreciation Day*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, school bus drivers are the first school district employees who greet many of our students each morning and the last who say goodbye each afternoon; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights has great respect and admiration for school bus drivers and transportation employees who have dedicated their lives to our students; and

WHEREAS, school bus drivers play a vital role throughout the city, county, and state, traveling each year on regular routes, field trip routes, vocational routes, and special education routes; and

WHEREAS, earlier this year, Dorian Pace, a local school bus driver, displayed extraordinary courage and presence of mind when a fire broke out on his school bus, exemplifying the highest standards of service and community care; and

WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of children are of the utmost concern to all Cleveland Heights parents, who entrust school bus drivers with the welfare of their children, making them responsible for the ability to maneuver through traffic regardless of road conditions while maintaining the conduct of the children on the bus and who are looked to for leadership and life-saving decisions-making in the event of an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. This Council does hereby proclaim April 22, 2025 as *National School Bus Driver Appreciation Day* and recognizes the importance of our school bus drivers to safely deliver children to and from school every day.

SECTION 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

SECTION 3. 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, or by posting the full text of this Resolution to the City of Cleveland Heights website.

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SECTION 4. 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 School Bus Driver Appreciation Day* in a timely manner. 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.



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President of Council



ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

PASSED: April 21, 2025

Presented to Mayor: 04/24/2025 Approved: 04/28/2025



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Mayor