

RESOLUTION NO. 163-2025(COTW), *First Reading*

By All City Councilmembers

A Resolution proclaiming October 19 – 25, 2025, *National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, the American Academy of Pediatrics along with other stakeholder groups, have reported on the risks of childhood lead poisoning and the need for prevention; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics, childhood lead toxicity in children can cause language difficulties, intellectual deficits, lower IQ scores, attention problems, neurological damage and behavior disorders including attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder and conduct disorder; and

WHEREAS, children are exposed to lead from different sources such as paint, solder, and old building materials, particularly in schools, consumer products (toys, food items, and cosmetics) and through different pathways (air, food, water, dust, and soil); and

WHEREAS, in 2022, this Council adopted regulations related to lead hazards to require rental units to be certified as lead-safe as a condition of obtaining a rental occupancy permit, and to authorize the Cleveland Heights Building Commission to administer and enforce this requirement (known as the “Lead-Safe Program”); and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights supports the removal of all sources of lead from use, including the complete removal of lead from all paints, building and consumer products.

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights advocates for lead testing and the remediation of lead contaminated soils and water.

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

SECTION 1. This Council hereby proclaims the week of October 19 – 25, 2025 *National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week* in the City of Cleveland Heights, and renews its dedication to preventing lead poisoning.

SECTION 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken 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.

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

SECTION 4. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately 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 Lead Poisoning Prevention Week* on a timely basis. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more 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: August 18, 2025

Presented to Mayor: 08/20/2025 Effective Date: 08/29/2025

KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor

*Effective date per Article IV, Section 5 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights