

RESOLUTION NO. 29-2020 (PD)

By Council Member Ungar

A Resolution proclaiming April 13-18, 2020 to be *National Community Development Week*; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights is a participant in the Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) program, of which the main purpose is to provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities to low- and moderate-income people; and

WHEREAS, 2020 marks the 46th anniversary of the CDBG program, which was enacted into law as part of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights is also a participant in the HOME Investment Partnerships (“HOME”) program which provides funding to local communities to create decent, safe, and affordable housing opportunities for low-income persons; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights is a partner with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health in the HUD-funded Lead Hazard Control program, which provides funding for the removal of lead based paint hazards in low to moderate income homes; and

WHEREAS, this Council recognizes that the CDBG, HOME, and Lead Hazard Control programs are a partnership of federal, state, and local governments, businesses, non-profits, community organizations, and residents, and that the services funded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, which are administered by the local governments and often delivered by non-profit organizations, rely heavily on the dedication and good will of our combined efforts; and

WHEREAS, in light of the current federal administration’s threat to eliminate the CDBG program in its entirety, public recognition of the vital importance of the CDBG program to national communities like Cleveland Heights is essential.

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

SECTION 1. This Council hereby proclaims April 13-18, 2020 to be *National Community Development Week* in the City of Cleveland Heights and resolves that during this week this community will give special thanks and recognition to all participants whose hard work and devotion to their neighborhoods and their low- and moderate-income residents help ensure the quality and effectiveness of the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships program, and Lead Hazard Control program.

SECTION 2. The City of Cleveland Heights, along with its service providers and other

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community residents, hereby petitions the United States Congress to recognize the outstanding work being done locally and nationally by the Community Development Block Grant, HOME and Lead Hazard Control programs and their vital importance to the nation's communities and to their low- and moderate-income residents. The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to Senator Sherrod Brown, Senator Robert Portman and U.S. Representative Marcia Fudge.

SECTION 3. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights.

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 for *National Community Development Week* to be recognized 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.

JASON S. STEIN, Mayor
President of the Council

SUSANNA NIERMANN O'NEIL
Clerk of Council

PASSED: March 16, 2020