

RESOLUTION NO. 59-2021 (CRR)

By Council Member Ungar

A Resolution proclaiming May 2021 to be Bike Month in the City of Cleveland Heights; and declaring an emergency.

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

WHEREAS, since 2010, the United States Department of Transportation has adopted a policy stating that “walking and bicycling are considered as equals with other transportation modes” and “not an afterthought in roadway design;” and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio recognizes bicycles as valid vehicles for use on all Cleveland Heights roads; and

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

WHEREAS, Cleveland Heights continues to assess its transportation network and connections to other cities, finding grants for projects that improve the safety and comfort of bicyclists, such as the recently completed Cedar Glen Trail that connects Cedar Fairmount to University Circle and to the Lake to Lakes Trail, and the bike lane buffers on North Park Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Heights was recognized as a bronze-level, Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists in 2013 and 2017 for four-year periods; and

WHEREAS, on October 5, 2020, this Council, by way of Resolution No. 141-2020, expressed its approval and support for the development of various State and US Bike Routes, including State Bicycle Route 80; and

WHEREAS, educating cyclists on the proper and safe operation of bicycles and motorists on how to properly share roads with bicyclists (including our school children) is important to ensure the safety and well-being of all; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Heights has been awarded approximately \$1 million in grants from the Safe Routes to School program to improve crosswalks, bicycle parking, and other bike and walking amenities at schools; and

WHEREAS, the League of American Bicyclists, the Heights Bicycle Coalition, and transportation and fitness bicyclists in Cleveland Heights and other cities are promoting greater public awareness of cycling during the month of May through events such as *Bike to Work Week*

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on May 17-23, *Bike to Work Day* on Friday, May 21, 2021, and *Bike to School Day* on May 5, 2021, which brings attention to the importance of creating safe routes to schools; and

WHEREAS, the annual *Ride of Silence* will take place in Greater Cleveland on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, in which Cleveland Heights will participate with hundreds of other cities internationally to honor those killed or injured while riding on public streets, and can be observed by riding solo, riding with household members, or by joining participants who will ride from John Carroll University in University Heights toward different locations in the Heights Area.

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

SECTION 1. This Council does hereby proclaim May 2021 to be Bike Month in the City of Cleveland Heights. This 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. 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 join with the other communities in this celebration and the need to proclaim Bike Month and related events 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
President of the Council

AMY HIMMELEIN
Clerk of Council

PASSED: May 3, 2021