

RESOLUTION NO. 66-2021 (CRR)

By Council Member Russell

A Resolution in support of H.R. 1280 - George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2021; urging its passage by the U.S. Senate; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, H.R. 1280 proposes to increase accountability for law enforcement misconduct, restrict the use of certain policing practices, enhance transparency and data collection, establish best practices and training requirements, and further enhances existing enforcement mechanisms to remedy violations by law enforcement by lowering the criminal intent standard, limiting qualified immunity, granting administrative subpoena power to the Department of Justice, and creating a national registry to compile data on complaints and records of police misconduct; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 1280, known as the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2021, on March 4, 2021, and it is now before the U.S. Senate for consideration; and

WHEREAS, City Council desires to express its support for H.R. 1280 and urges the U.S. Senate to pass H.R. 1280; and

WHEREAS, City Council further urges the Senate to enact legislation requiring the use of body cameras and dash cameras by all state and local police officers.

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

SECTION 1. That the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights hereby expresses its support for H.R. 1280, known as the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2021, and urges its passage by the U.S. Senate.

SECTION 2. The Clerk of Council be and is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to Ohio Senators Sherrod Brown and Rob Portman.

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.

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 timely voice support for H.R. 1280 - George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2021. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members elected or appointed to this

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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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JASON S. STEIN  
President of the Council

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AMY HIMMELEIN  
Clerk of Council

PASSED: June 7, 2021