

RESOLUTION NO. 20-82
INTRODUCED BY: Ms. DeGeorge

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY OPERATING LEVY TO BE SUBMITTED TO VOTERS ON
THE NOVEMBER 2020 BALLOT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Whereas, Cuyahoga County Public Library will ask residents to approve an operating levy on the November ballot which will replace the two and a half mill, which is the lowest millage of any public library in the county, and add one mill; and,

Whereas, Cuyahoga County Public Library is a critical regional resource, providing access to the information, technology and lifelong learning opportunities that are essential for residents to improve the quality of their lives; and,

Whereas, Cuyahoga County Public Library is the nation's top-rated public library system for ten consecutive years; and,

Whereas, this levy will protect Cuyahoga County Public Library, which serves 47 communities in Cuyahoga County through 27 branches; and,

Whereas, the Cuyahoga County Public has not been to the ballot since 2008, despite experiencing a 14% reduction in local property tax revenue over the past decade; and,

Whereas, this levy will provide essential resources for allowing the Cuyahoga County Public Library to continue bridging the digital divide, fostering strong readers, and providing resources for job training and employment; and,

Whereas, this levy provides crucial support for one of the most important community assets in the region, and if the issue fails, the Library will be unable to provide the critical library services that local citizens need.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bay Village, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Council supports the Cuyahoga County Public Library Levy and urges the citizens of our City to vote for the issue in order that informational, educational, professional and recreational needs of the community be met, and to ensure that the delivery of quality library service will continue.

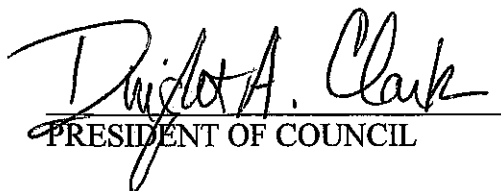
SECTION 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Bay Village Branch Manager of the Cuyahoga County Public Library.

SECTION 3. That this Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in an

open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any committee that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with law.


SECTION 4. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare, and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary to endorse the library levy prior to November 2020 election, wherefore this resolution shall be in full force and take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: October 5, 2020


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL


CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: October 5, 2020


MAYOR

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