

# Resolution No. 1124-2022

## AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Recognizing National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week.

By Council Members Conwell, Bishop, Gray, Griffin, Hairston, Harsh, Howse, Jones, Kazy, Maurer, McCormack, Mooney, Polensek, Santana, Slife, Spencer and Starr

**FOR ADOPTION**  
**October 24, 2022**

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WHEREAS, each year, National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week is a call to bring together individuals, organizations, industry, and state, tribal, and local governments to reduce childhood exposure to lead by increasing lead poisoning prevention awareness; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 in Ohio 2% of children tested had high lead levels; in Cuyahoga County, high lead levels were found in 6% of children tested; that number increases to 8.6% in the City of Cleveland; notably, 25% of children in the Cleveland Municipal School District have been exposed to lead; and

WHEREAS, even very low levels of lead in children's blood are linked to adverse effects on intellect, concentration, and academic achievement; therefore it is crucial that children are screened and tested for lead before entering school; and

WHEREAS, there are resources available so that people are able to comply with the City's laws regarding lead which are intended to reduce lead exposure in the home and environment; and

WHEREAS this Council is committed to addressing ongoing lead exposure and lead's health impacts on the City's children and recognizes the critical impact of educating the community about lead exposure and lead poisoning prevention; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council recognizes National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to its partners at the Lead Safe Cleveland Coalition.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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10/24/2022

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**REPORT  
after second Reading**

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**READ FIRST TIME**

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**REPORTS**

**READ FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME**

**CITY CLERK**

**READ SECOND TIME**

**CITY CLERK**

**READ THIRD TIME on OCTOBER 24, 2022**

**PRESIDENT**

**CITY CLERK PRO TEMPORE**

**APPROVED**

**MAYOR**

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