

# Resolution No. 563-2025

By Council Member Starr

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION  
Recognizing May 1 - May 7, 2025, as Gun  
Violence Survivors Week in Cleveland

FOR ADOPTION  
April 28, 2025

WHEREAS, the United States is a nation of gun violence survivors; more people die from gun violence in the U.S. by early February than during an entire calendar year in other high-income countries; additionally, millions more are shot and wounded, threatened with a gun, or witness an act of gun violence in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, a gun violence survivor is anyone who has personally experienced gun violence — whether they have witnessed an act of gun violence, been threatened or wounded with a gun, or know and cared for somebody wounded or killed with a gun; and

WHEREAS, the families, communities, and anyone with a personal experience of gun violence in their lifetime are also survivors of gun violence; and

WHEREAS, 59% of adults report that they or someone they know or care about have experienced gun violence in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, identifying as a survivor encompasses different experiences: intimidation or receiving threats with a gun, being wounded by a gun, witnessing an act of gun violence, or having someone you know or care about wounded by or killed with a gun; and

WHEREAS, commemorating May 1 to May 7, 2025, as Gun Violence Survivors Week in Cleveland, will raise awareness about gun violence, recognize the trauma of gun violence survivors, and honor the lives stolen by gun violence; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2025, there will be a Ghetto Therapy Men’s Night: “Survivors of Gun Violence” at the Langston Hughes Center in Cleveland; 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 May 1 - May 7, 2025, as Gun Violence Survivors Week in Cleveland.

Section 2. 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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4/28/2025

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REPORT  
after second Reading

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and referred to

REPORTS

READ FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME

CITY CLERK

READ SECOND TIME

CITY CLERK

READ THIRD TIME on APRIL 28, 2025

PRESIDENT

CITY CLERK

APPROVED

MAYOR