

Resolution No. 431-2025

By Council Member Howse-Jones

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION
Recognizing April 2025 as Reentry Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, each April the United States Department of Justice celebrates “Second Chance Month” recognizing the importance individuals, communities and agencies across the country in supporting the safe and successful reentry of people returning from incarceration; and

WHEREAS, every year the Cuyahoga County Office of Reentry hosts “Reentry Week” dedicated to shedding light on the many challenges faced by those who are returning to the community after imprisonment; and

WHEREAS, this year the Cuyahoga County Office of Reentry is extending its commitment to successful reentry after incarceration by declaring the entire month of April as Reentry Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, this Council understands the importance of working with local governments and community partners to educate, challenge misconceptions and foster understanding within our community in order to help formerly incarcerated people reclaim their futures; 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 April 2025 as Reentry Awareness Month.

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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3/31/2025

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READ FIRST TIME on MARCH 31, 2025

and referred to DIRECTOR of Law;

COMMITTEE on Finance Diversity Equity and Inclusion

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MAYOR

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