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Resolution No. 985-2025

By Council Member Griffin

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION
Supporting H.R. 4392, The Uterine Fibroid Intervention and Gynecological Health and Treatment Act (U-FIGHT Act) reintroduced by United States Congresswoman Shontel Brown.

FOR ADOPTION
August 13, 2025

WHEREAS, last month, United States Congresswoman Shontel Brown, along with Maryland Senator Angela Alsobrooks reintroduced The Uterine Fibroid Intervention and Gynecological Health and Treatment Act (U-FIGHT Act), H.R. 4392, as part of a Uterine Health Legislative Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the U-FIGHT Act authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to award grants to increase early detection of and intervention for uterine fibroids, education and awareness programs, and research; and also addresses Asherman's syndrome, uterine scar tissue build-up following surgery, as well as disparities in pain management as it relates to uterine fibroids; and

WHEREAS, uterine fibroids are extremely common, yet the cause is unknown; there is no current authorization for an HHS grant program for uterine fibroids, limiting the federal response to this widespread and significant problem; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that approximately two-thirds of all women will experience uterine fibroids during their lifetime, including 80% of African-American women and 70% of white women; additionally, symptoms are frequently more severe for Black women; and

WHEREAS, uterine fibroids can cause pain, heavy menstrual bleeding, and problems with fertility, and are the leading cause of hysterectomies in the United States; in rare cases, uterine fibroids require emergency treatment; and

WHEREAS, early detection and intervention treatment can reduce the need for invasive surgery and treatment options that may impact fertility, including hysterectomy; early detection can also prevent tumor progression and worsening symptoms such as heavy bleeding, cramping, and abnormal menstruation; and

WHEREAS, the U-FIGHT Act authorizes the HHS Secretary to conduct or support research on the early detection or intervention of uterine fibroids and formulate evidence-based or evidence-informed strategies to increase early detection in health care settings; 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 supports H.R. 4392, The Uterine Fibroid Intervention and Gynecological Health and Treatment Act (U-FIGHT Act) reintroduced by United States Congresswoman Shontel Brown.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to United States Congresswoman Shontel Brown.

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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after second Reading

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READ THIRD TIME on AUGUST 13, 2025

PRESIDENT

CITY CLERK

APPROVED

MAYOR

READ FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME

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