Resolution No. 955-2026

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION
Honoring TV20 and celebrating the fortieth anniversary of first going on the air.

Council Members Slife

FOR ADOPTION
August 19, 2026

WHEREAS, on July 17, 1986, the City of Cleveland launched TV35, its own government access channel, to bring residents closer to their city's news, services, and events; and

WHEREAS, in the early 2000s, TV35 became TV23, reflecting its new cable channel placement; and

WHEREAS, during the 2000s, TV23 relocated from the basement of Cleveland City Hall to Public Auditorium as part of an effort to expand its capacity to keep Clevelanders informed and connected; and

WHEREAS, in the late 2010s, TV23 rebranded as TV20 during Cleveland's run in the national spotlight, including the 2016 Republican National Convention and the Cavaliers' first NBA Championship; and

WHEREAS, in October 2024, TV20 added fresh leadership and a modern logo and identity that reflected its commitment to being a strong civic voice for Cleveland, providing local news, cultural programming, and community-focused segments; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, TV20 won its first Emmy Award and first Cleveland Press Award for the documentary *Sheltering Hope*; and

WHEREAS, in 2026, TV20 won its first Emmy Award, for the documentary *Conversations with Cal*, and two more Cleveland Press Awards for *Saddles and Service* and *Fire Station 26*; and

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2026, TV20 celebrated the fortieth anniversary of TV35 first going on the air; 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 honors TV20 and celebrates the fortieth anniversary of first going on the air.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to Janelle Bass Hawthorne, Director of News and Multi-Media Communications, TV20.

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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8/19/2026

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