

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-8
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION AND COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7 THROUGH FEBRUARY 14, 2014, TO BE “CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS WEEK” IN THE CITY OF LYNDHURST, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Congenital Heart Defects are the most frequently occurring birth defect and the leading cause of birth defect related deaths worldwide; and

WHEREAS, over a million families across America are facing the challenges and hardships of raising children with Congenital Heart Defects; and

WHEREAS, every year 40,000 babies are born in the United States with Congenital Heart Defects; and

WHEREAS, some Congenital Heart Defects are not diagnosed until months or years after birth; and

WHEREAS, undiagnosed Congenital Heart conditions cause many cases of sudden cardiac death in young athletes; and

WHEREAS, despite these statistics, newborns and young athletes are not routinely screened for Congenital Heart Defects; and

WHEREAS, a disproportionately small amount of funding is available for Congenital Heart Defect research and support; and

WHEREAS, Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week provides an opportunity for families whose lives have been affected to celebrate life and to remember loved ones lost, to honor dedicated health professionals, and to meet others and know they are not alone; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week will also provide the opportunity to share experience and information with the public and media, in order to raise public awareness about Congenital Heart Defects. Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNDHURST, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1. February 7, 2014 through February 14, 2014, is hereby declared to be Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week in the City of Lyndhurst, and all citizens are encouraged to increase awareness, education, and services for Congenital Heart Defects which each year affect thousands of babies in the Cleveland Metropolitan Area.

SECTION 2. The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to transmit an electronic copy of this Resolution to the Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week website, www.tchin.org/aware.

SECTION 3. The Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution have been taken at open meetings of this Council; and that deliberations of this Council and of its committees, resulting in such formal action, took place in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all statutory requirements including the requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the City of Lyndhurst and its residents for the reason that it is necessary to make this declaration before the onset of Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week. Therefore, this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon the affirmative vote of not less than five (5) members elected to Council, and signature by the Mayor, or otherwise at the earliest time allowed by law.

PASSED February 3, 2014

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of Council

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Passed 2-3-2014