

RESOLUTION 06-20

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE REPLACEMENT OF THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY'S
CURRENT 3.9 MILL LEVY WITH 4.7 MILLS FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
(HHS)**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
LEVY 2020**

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County has placed on the March 17, 2020, Primary Election ballot a 4.7 mills Health & Human Services (HHS) levy that that would replace Cuyahoga County's current 3.9-mill levy; and,

WHEREAS, Every year, more than 400,000 people from more than 200,000 families access Cuyahoga County's HHS system;

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County's HHS system primary provides services to five groups with critical needs:

- Children who are at risk of abuse and neglect
- People with mental illnesses or an addiction
- People with serious health issues
- Victims of crime
- Senior citizens and people with disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, demand for Health & Human Services in Cuyahoga County has grown as a result of increasing poverty, opioid addiction, changing demographics, and inadequate state and federal funding; and,

WHEREAS, passing this replacement HHS levy will ensure current critical services continue AND will fund investment in targeted, interconnected areas that will amplify the impact of our health and human services efforts, help reduce long-term needs and costs, and provide us with measurable, accountable results; and,

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County's health and human service levies are practical investments in strengthening the resilience of our economy and community, and in reducing future economic and social costs; and,

WHEREAS, Underfunding HHS programs – and walking away from those in need— increases our risk of more costly future problems involving our justice system and hospital emergency rooms,


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of East Cleveland recognizes the far-reaching importance of the passage of the Health and Human Services Levy; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City of East Cleveland supports passage of the Health & Human Services levy renewal and encourages the individual and organizational members of the City to join this board in actively advocating for its passage on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

PASSED: March 3, 2020


ERNEST L. SMITH
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL
3-5-20
Date of Signature


ATTEST:


DR. KHADIJAH F. GUY
CLERK OF COUNCIL
3/5/20
Date of Signature

APPROVED:

BRANDON L. KING, MAYOR
3-9-20
Date of Signature

VETO:
YES ___ NO ___

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


WILLA M. HEMMONS
DIRECTOR OF LAW
3/9/20
Date of Signature

Emergency N/A First Read 2/18/20 Second Read 3/3/20

	Yea	Nay
Councilor Ernest L. Smith	x	
Councilor Korean C. Stevenson	x	
Councilor Nathaniel Martin	x	
Councilor Timothy R. Austin	x	
Councilor Juanita Gowdy	excused	