

**CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS COUNCIL MEETING  
Maple Heights Senior Center**

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**September 6, 2023**

**7:00 p.m.**

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**ADDENDUM FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2023**

**LEGISLATION:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-86**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING SEPTEMBER AS INFANT MORTALITY  
MONTH IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY.**

**Reading 1 (Anderson)**

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**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilwoman Dana D. Anderson

**MOTION FOR ADOPTION BY:**

**CO-SPONSORED BY:**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING SEPTEMBER AS INFANT MORTALITY MONTH IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, infant mortality is defined as the death of an infant before his or her first birthday; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Ohio has one of the highest infant mortality rates in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, Cuyahoga County has the highest infant mortality rate of Ohio's 88 counties; and

**WHEREAS**, black infants die at a rate almost three (3) times as that of white infants; and

**WHEREAS**, risk factors that increase the cause of infant deaths include poverty, living in an under-resourced neighborhood, racism, poor nutrition, poor education, stress and the maternal health before and during pregnancy; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is committed to working with its partners to inform and educate pregnant women and new mothers in an effort to decrease the infant mortality rate in the City of Maple Heights.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Maple Heights, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, that:

**Section 1.** Council thereby declares September as Infant Mortality Month in the City of Maple Heights to acknowledge the nationwide problem and the City's commitment to inform and educate pregnant women and new mothers to an effort to reduce the rate of infant mortality in the City of Maple Heights.

**Section 2.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting on the date indicated below, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its Committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**Section 3.** This Resolution constitutes an emergency measure necessary for the public peace, safety and general welfare of the City and for the further reason to highlight this issue during the month of September, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor, otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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Ron Jackson, Council President

Approved as to legal form:

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Annette M. Blackwell, Mayor

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Frank Consolo, Director of Law

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Leonette Cicirella Johnson, Clerk of Council

I, Leonette Cicirella Johnson, Clerk of Council of the City of Maple Heights, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, do hereby certify the above to be a true and exact copy of the original as contained in the records of my office and that the same has been and will remain duly posted as required by law.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Leonette Cicirella Johnson, Clerk of Council