RESOLUTION NO. 21-14

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CITY OF PAINESVILLE TO AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER FAIR HOUSING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, 2014 marks the 46th Anniversary of the passage of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act;

WHEREAS, the effort to create equal housing opportunities for all people is encouraged at every level of government; and

WHEREAS, it is an important goal of our government to eliminate housing discrimination and assure the rights of every citizen to buy, rent, and sell housing, without regard to race, color, sex, religion, familial status, national origin or disability; and

WHEREAS, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act and Presidential Executive Order 12892 describes the obligation to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing (AFFH); and

WHEREAS, it is a goal of City of Painesville to accord residents with an enhanced quality of life through the development of opportunities in housing, employment, education and services by the implementation of plans that assure all people are afforded their rights thus fostering open inclusive communities; and

WHEREAS, as an applicant or potential recipient of federal funds this governmental entity City of Painesville agrees that it will take specified actions to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing (AFFH) and confidently asserts that that all policies and practices adopted and in place are in conformance with applicable fair housing law and that prior to May 16, 2014 any outstanding civil rights matters are resolved per HUD Docket No. FR-5800-N-01 Section III-C.2b ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION-Threshold Requirements; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Painesville, Lake County, Ohio;

SECTION I: That the City Council recognizes the broad duty to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing and directs the City Manager to ensure that the policies and practices adopted and in place are in compliant with applicable fair housing laws.

SECTION II: That this Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate protection and preservation of the public peace, health, safety and general welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Painesville, and for the further need to submit this Resolution with the FY'14 Community Development Block Grant Application due May 16, 2014.

PASSED: May 5, 2014

Paul W. Hach, II
President of Council

ATTEST:

Tara Diehl
Clerk of Council