

**RESOLUTION 011311**

**Proclaiming the week of April 16-22, 2001, as National Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Week in Cuyahoga County.**

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WHEREAS, the week of April 16-22, 2001 has been designated as National Community Development Week, and Cuyahoga County is a participant in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program which is a federally funded program that has operated since 1974 and is celebrating 27 years providing local governments with the resources required to meet the needs of persons of low and moderate income; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga county Board of Commissioners recognizes that the Community Development Block Grant Program is a partnership of government, business, nonprofit community organizations and that the services funded by the Program, administered by the County and often delivered by local nonprofit organizations and municipalities, rely heavily on the dedication and goodwill of our combined efforts; and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County has received more than \$85 million in CDBG funds since 1974 which has been spent to meet locally defined needs and long standing community problems, including economic development projects retaining jobs in Cuyahoga County, day care loan programs, Storefront renovations and providing working mothers with resources to get off welfare and work and proving literacy and job training for the unemployed, hot meals and senior programs that allow intergenerational programs to work. CDBG Works! Moreover, CDBG assists in the rehabilitation of over 2,100 housing units occupied by lower income families, to address fair housing, tenant and mortgage foreclosure issues, to provide services for the handicapped and to provide loans for economic development projects that leveraged private investment and created significant new jobs;

AND, WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant Program has assumed increasing importance for meeting pressing community problems, and with the 107th Congress convenes; we must be vigilant in communicating to the new Administration and Congress the achievements of the CDBG Program. We must press them to continue to support the services it provides to local governments, community organizations, and low-to moderate income citizens across the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio that said Board hereby reaffirms its support for the Community Development Block Grant Program and calls upon Congress to continue this vital program within the Federal Budget at increased authorization levels.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby petitions the U.S. Congress and Administration to recognize the outstanding work being done locally and nationally by the Community Development Block Grant Program and its vital importance to the community and to the people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby proclaims April 17, 2001 as Community Development Block Grant Day in Cuyahoga County and gives special thanks and recognition to all participants whose hard work and devotion have assured the quality and effectiveness of the program and contributes to the community's vitality.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Steven Sims, Director, Department of Development, with instructions to serve a copy of this resolution each to U.S. Senators, Michael DeWine and George Voinovich, and to U.S. Representatives Stephanie Tubbs-Jones, Dennis Kucinich and Steven C. Latourette; and one copy of this resolution to forty-six (46) local suburban communities that have signed participation agreements with the County to form the Cuyahoga Urban for purposes of the Community Development Block Grant Program.

On Motion of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner McCormack, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Ayes: Campbell, McCormack, Dimora.

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

Marjorie J. Pettus  
Clerk of the Board

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