

RESOLUTION

Proclaiming the week of April 21 – April 27, 2003 as Community  
Development Week and April 21, 2003 as Community  
Development Day in Cuyahoga County.

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WHEREAS, the week of April 21–27, 2003, has been designated as National Community Development Week, and Cuyahoga County is a participant in the Community Development Block Grant Program, which is a federally funded program that has operated since 1975 and is celebrating 28 years, providing local governments with the resources required to meet the needs of persons of low and moderate income.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, 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.

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County has received more than \$90 million in Community Development Block Grant funds since 1975 which have been spent to meet locally defined needs and long standing community problems, including municipal infrastructure projects, job creation and retention, affordable housing, aging commercial districts, day care and senior issues. Community Development Block Grant Works! Community Development Block Grant assisted in the rehabilitation of over 2,500 housing units occupied by lower income families, addressed fair housing, tenant problems, predatory lending and mortgage foreclosure issues, services for the handicapped, storefront renovation, and provided loans for economic development projects that leveraged private investment and created thousands of new jobs in Cuyahoga County.

AND WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant Program has assumed increasing importance for meeting pressing community problems, and when the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress convenes to review the 2004 federal budget; we must be vigilant in communicating to the Administration and Congress the achievements of the Community Development Block Grant 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, 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 of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, 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 said Board hereby proclaims the week of April 21 – April 27, 2003, as Community Development Week and April 21, 2003 as Community Development 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 forty seven (47) local suburban communities that have signed participation agreements with the County to form the Cuyahoga Urban-County purposes of the Community Development Block Grant Program, United States Senators, Michael DeWine and George Voinovich, and United States Representatives Stephanie Tubbs-Jones, Dennis Kucinich and Steven C. LaTourette, and to Tracey A. Nichols, Interim Director, Department of Development.

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

**Ayes: Jones, McCormack, Dimora.**

**Nays: None.**

**Resolution Adopted.**

**Penelope M. Hughes,  
Clerk of the Board pro tem**

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