

RESOLUTION

Proclaiming the week of February 5-11, 2006 as Consumer Protection Week in Cuyahoga County in recognition of the 8th anniversary of National Consumer Protection Week for the Department of Development.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, supports pending legislation that would extend the provisions of the Ohio Consumer Sales Practices Act to the mortgage brokerage business in the State of Ohio.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, recognizes the need for consumer information and education designed to increase the awareness and knowledge of the perils in home financing.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, in partnership with other Cuyahoga County elected officials, notably the County Treasurer, has developed a strategy to prevent mortgage foreclosures through outreach, education, counseling, legal assistance, and advocacy to decrease inappropriate mortgage lending.

WHEREAS, the National Consumer Protection Week empowers consumers by highlighting current consumer protection and education efforts in the fight against fraud in communities across the nation.

AND WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, joins the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the U.S. Postal Service (USPS), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the National Consumers League (NCL), AARP, the Better Business Bureau (BBB), the Consumer Federation of America (CFA), and others in recognizing the week of February 5-11, 2006 as National Consumer Protection Week.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, is proud to share the messages of this year's National Consumer Protection Week campaign as we continue to provide consumers the tools they need to recognize and avoid fraud and deception in the marketplace.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Paul Oyaski, Director, Department of Development.

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

Ayes: Hagan, Jones, Dimora.

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

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