

RESOLUTION

Proclaiming the week of March 2-8, 2008 as Consumer Protection Week in Cuyahoga County, in recognition of the 10th anniversary of National Consumer Protection Week for the Department of Development.

WHEREAS, according to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), consumers conduct some type of financial transaction requiring an educated decision every day.

WHEREAS, National Consumer Protection Week (NCPW) highlights consumer protection and education efforts around the country. Organizers encourage people to master the financial facts of life. It's a sound investment: Financially savvy consumers are likely to make smarter decisions about managing their money, using credit wisely, and building a solid financial foundation for later.

WHEREAS, The U.S. Postal Service, Northern Ohio District Consumer Affairs Office is partnering with U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Federal Trade Commission, Better Business Bureau, Cuyahoga County, Social Security Administration, City of Cleveland Consumer Affairs Office, Summit County Consumer Affairs, Fifth Third Bank, Consumer Credit Counseling Services, Legal Aid Society, Neighborhood Housing Services, Policy Matters and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to encourage consumers to take steps to build a firm financial foundation with emphasis on avoiding the fake check scam and foreclosure prevention. The campaign is designed to highlight consumer protection and education efforts across the country.

WHEREAS, presentations and advice clinics will be held at locations all over Cuyahoga County beginning March 2, 2008 to raise awareness of the importance of financial education and financial literacy.

AND WHEREAS, free resources will be available to help community organizations empower consumers with information on how to manage their money, use credit wisely, foreclosure prevention and avoiding scams and rip-offs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, is proud to be a part of this year's National Consumer Protection Week campaign and declare March 2-8, 2008 as Consumer Protection Week in Cuyahoga County as we encourage all consumers to take advantage of the resources available to help them master the financial facts of life.

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 Dimora, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Ayes: Dimora, Jones.

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

**Jeanne M. Schmotzer,
Clerk of the Board**

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