

RESOLUTION

Proclaiming the month of October 2006 as Foreclosure Prevention Month in Cuyahoga County.

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County has one of the highest foreclosure rates in the nation.

WHEREAS, we are experiencing 1,000 new foreclosure lawsuits per month and an average of nearly 225 sheriff's sales per week.

WHEREAS, the flood of foreclosure lawsuits has contributed to the growing number of vacant homes in the City of Cleveland and surrounding suburbs.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, made a commitment to improve the bureaucracy surrounding the foreclosure process, examined areas to alleviate the nuisance of vacant and abandoned properties caused by foreclosures, determined methods to prevent future foreclosures and advocated changes to state and federal laws.

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

AND WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, believe it is imperative that government, banks and lending institutions, housing advocates and community leaders all work together to reduce the foreclosure epidemic and effects of predatory lending in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, hereby proclaim the month of October 2006 as Foreclosure Prevention Month in Cuyahoga County and urge all residents of Cuyahoga County needing assistance or with questions about foreclosure issues to contact The United Way's First Call for Help Line by calling 211 or (216) 436-2000 and to participate in the activities planned for Foreclosure Prevention Month by our counseling agencies.

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

Ayes: Jones, Hagan, Dimora.

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

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