

RESOLUTION 2017 - 11

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT BY THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, OHIO FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE CLEVELAND-CUYAHOGA COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY OPERATING LEVY

WHEREAS: The Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority connects Northeast Ohio to global markets; and

WHEREAS: The Port annually handles 13.3 million tons of cargo through 850 vessel and barge calls, and in the last decade, cargo activity has increased by more than 4 million tons; and

WHEREAS: The Port drives more than \$3.5 billion in economic activity every year and supports more than 20,000 good jobs, up by 3,000 in the last decade.

WHEREAS: The Port fights to keep Cuyahoga County's greatest assets, our river, harbor, and lake, clean; and

WHEREAS: The Port is the only county public body solely & specifically devoted to economic development; and

WHEREAS: The Port connects key projects to private investment through its development financing program, which has brought in more than \$3.6 billion in private investment; and

WHEREAS: Since 1993, the Port has financed 123 major projects including the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame & Museum, the Cleveland Museum of Art, Flats East Bank Project, Eaton, and more; and

WHEREAS: The Port's operating levy is the smallest countywide property tax levy, and still the same 0.13 mills it was in 1968, only \$3.50 per year for every \$100,000 home value, which provides 35% of the Port's operating budget; and

WHEREAS: For each dollar that taxpayers invest, the Port Authority supports \$1,094 in economic activity, more than a 100,000% return on investment; and

WHEREAS: Economic activity supported by the Port produces more than \$140 million annually in state and local taxes, helping fund critical services; and

WHEREAS: The renewal of the Port Authority's operating levy, on the ballot in Cuyahoga County on November 7, 2017, will NOT raise taxes on residents but will simply maintain the current level of funding for another five years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Parma Heights, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio:

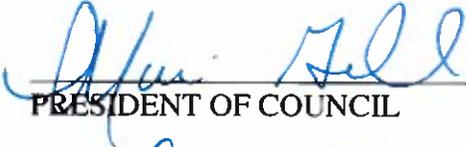
Section 1. The Mayor and Council endorse the passage by voters in the November 2017 General Election of a renewal of the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority's 0.13-mill operating levy.

Section 2. The Mayor and Council request the residents of Cuyahoga County to join it in supporting the passage of the renewal of the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority's 0.13-mill operating levy.

Section 3. The Clerk of Council is directed to forward a true and accurate copy of this Resolution to the public and to appropriate members of news media, and

Section 4. This Council finds and determines that all formal action of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of the Council and of any of its Committees comprised of a majority of the members of the Council that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 5. This Resolution shall be in effect from and after the earliest period provided by law.

PASSED: 9-11-2017 
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: Florence A. Borden 9-11-2017
CLERK OF COUNCIL APPROVED

FILED WITH THE MAYOR: 9-11-2017 
MAYOR