

Resolution No. 257-11

An Emergency Resolution

**Mayor Jackson and Council Members
Cimperman, Sweeney, Zone and Conwell.**

Endorsing the creation of a Healthy Cleveland and agreeing to collaborate with the Mayor and the four hospital systems in Cleveland that will lend their staff, expertise, and research efforts to reach this goal.

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland and Cleveland City Council are committed to creating a Healthy Cleveland with healthy neighborhoods and residents who enjoy longer and healthier lives and by combating chronic health conditions like chronic pulmonary disease, heart disease, diabetes, obesity and behavioral health; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland is home to the four best health care systems in the United States; Cleveland Clinic, MetroHealth, Sisters of Charity Health System, and University Hospitals, and all four institutions support the mission of creating a Healthy Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, to be successful in creating a Healthy Cleveland, the Jackson Administration, Cleveland City Council and the four health care institutions will collaborate to address smoking cessation, diet and nutrition, exercise and mobility issues and behavioral and mood disorders beginning in 2011; and

WHEREAS, banning of smoking on and in all City Properties, including parks, playgrounds, cemeteries, garages, and areas within 150 feet of any entrance to any City building or facility, including City Hall, Recreation Centers, and Public Health Centers will be discussed; and

WHEREAS, we will work to create a voluntarily-adopted smoke free zone within 150 feet of any entrance to any privately-owned facility or building in the city of Cleveland that seeks this voluntary designation; and

WHEREAS, by working collaboratively with local health institutions, we can provide and increase the accessibility of city-wide smoking cessation programs to help people quit smoking; and

WHEREAS, this City will remove all sugar-based drinks and products with trans-fats from dispensing machines in City facilities, to be replaced with water and 100% juice products and trans-fat free products; and

WHEREAS, this collaborative effort will work to encourage local restaurants and vendors to remove trans-fats from their menus and offer trans-fat free products; and

WHEREAS, an immediate task force will be established with our health care partners and the Cleveland Metropolitan School District to provide healthier food options in our city schools; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Planning Commission will collaborate with CMSD to ensure all new school construction or schools that are being rehabilitated have adequate kitchen facilities for the preparation of food; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Public Health will work with CMSD to re-incorporate school gardens in every new school plan; and

WHEREAS, in collaboration with the Cleveland Planning Commission the Health Committee will seek to ensure the existence of a city garden within walking distance of every citizen in Cleveland by 2020 with the support of the City Planning and Health Committees; and

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WHEREAS, the Planning Committee will collaborate with the health care institutions and community partners to improve physical activity throughout Cleveland by creating joint-use agreements between community organizations, schools and city recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City will work to develop a Complete Streets Policy to improve bike and pedestrian access and improve mobility on street, streetscape, bridge improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, by collaborating with Neighborhood Progress Incorporated and the Department of Community Development, community organizers in Cleveland's neighborhoods will be trained in health literacy, with the goal of linking residents to existing health centers, providing proactive, preventative health information and creating an ethic of health education and health awareness at the grass roots level in the City; and

WHEREAS, by working with community organizers, the City of Cleveland and its health care partners can provide information and establish ways for residents to seek assistance for depression, schizophrenia, or any other mood related disorders; and

WHEREAS, City Planning will create health assessments of every neighborhood in the City, this effort will gauge how healthy each neighborhood is, and by working with all four health care systems, changes can be implemented with a scale upon which measurements can be made; and

WHEREAS, this work is being done to amplify outreach from the City on related health issues; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council endorses the creation of a Healthy Cleveland and agrees to collaborate with the Mayor and the four hospital systems in Cleveland that will lend their staff, expertise, and research efforts to reach this goal.

Section 2. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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Directors of Public Health, Finance, Law;
Committees on Health and Human Services, City Planning,
Finance.