

Resolution No. 582-2026

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Recognizing and declaring May 10-16, 2026, and annually as Food Allergy Awareness Week in the City of Cleveland.

By Council Members Slife

FOR ADOPTION
May 11, 2026

WHEREAS, more than 33 million Americans live with food allergies, including nearly six million children under the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, research shows that the prevalence of food allergies continues to increase among both children and adults, impacting families and communities across the City of Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, nine foods cause approximately 90 percent of all food allergy reactions in the United States—milk, eggs, peanuts, tree nuts, soy, wheat, sesame, fish, and crustacean shellfish—and reactions can range from mild symptoms to severe, potentially life-threatening conditions such as anaphylaxis; and

WHEREAS, anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that occurs rapidly and may cause death if not treated promptly; and

WHEREAS, every ten seconds, food allergies send a patient to the emergency department in the United States, often as a result of unknowingly consuming a food containing an allergen; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical treatment for severe food allergy reactions has increased significantly in recent years, highlighting the growing need for public awareness and preparedness; and

WHEREAS, food allergies create challenges in schools, childcare settings, restaurants, and public spaces, making education and awareness critical to ensuring the safety and inclusion of all residents; and

WHEREAS, Food Allergy Research & Education (FARE) is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life and health of individuals with food allergies through advocacy, education, and research; and

WHEREAS, this Council encourages all residents, schools, businesses, and community organizations to increase their understanding of food allergies and anaphylaxis, support those affected, and promote practices that help protect this community; 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 recognizes and declares May 10-16, 2026, and annually as Food Allergy Awareness Week in the City of Cleveland.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to FARE, attention FAAW.

Section 3. 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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after second Reading

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