

# The City of Richmond Heights

# Resolution

RESOLUTION NO.: 111 -2008

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Ursu and All Members of Council

## *A Resolution Proclaiming 2009 as Year of the River in Richmond Heights*

**Whereas** the Cuyahoga River is not merely at the center of the history, culture, commerce, industry, recreation and environment of Northeast Ohio, it is the very symbol of this region; and

WHEREAS, the settlement and growth of the Cleveland metropolitan area, and the prosperity that spread from this area throughout Ohio, came about because of the Cuyahoga River and its location on the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga River watershed and Lake Erie tributaries within the Cuyahoga River Remedial Action Plan's Area of Concern comprise more than 800 square miles of land in 6 counties and nearly 100 cities, villages and townships; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond Heights lies in several watersheds, including Euclid Creek, which is within the Remedial Action Plan's Area of Concern; and

WHEREAS, Richmond Heights has been a member and leader of the Euclid Creek Council of Governments, and therefore a partner in the restoration of the region's water quality; and

WHEREAS, the City works in partnership with the Friends of Euclid Creek, the Cuyahoga River RAP, the Cuyahoga County Board of Health and the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District, among others, to safeguard our natural resources; and

WHEREAS, June 22, 1969 is the fortieth anniversary of the last and most famous fire that occurred on the Cuyahoga River, which focused the world's attention on the results of decades of pollution and on water quality, led to the creation of the Clean Water Act and the formation of the Environmental Protection Agency, and sparked an environmental movement that is more active today than ever; and

WHEREAS, although remarkable progress has been made in restoring our streams and improving water quality, much more work remains to be accomplished in order that we pass healthy watersheds to future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga River RAP, its partner organizations, and communities throughout the region will commemorate this anniversary throughout 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Council of the City of Richmond Heights, State of Ohio, that:

**Section 1:** The Mayor and Council of the City of Richmond Heights do hereby proclaim 2009 as **YEAR OF THE RIVER** and encourage our citizens and stakeholders to support stream stewardship throughout the year, across our city and into the future.

**Section 2:** This Resolution shall take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

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Daniel J. Ursu, Mayor

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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