

RESOLUTION NO. 216-12

BY: **BRIAN DAY**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING "IDENTITY THEFT AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2012, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, identity theft happens when someone steals your personal information and uses it without your permission; and,

WHEREAS, it is a serious crime and can disrupt finances, credit history, and reputation, and take time, money, and patience to resolve; and,

WHEREAS, identity thieves might:

- Go through trash cans and dumpsters, stealing bills and documents that have sensitive information;
- Work for businesses, medical offices, or government agencies, and steal personal information on the job;
- Misuse the name of a legitimate business, and call or send emails that trick you into revealing personal information;
- Pretend to offer a job, a loan, or an apartment, and ask you to send personal information to "qualify;"
- Steal your wallet, purse, backpack, or mail, and remove your credit cards, driver's license, passport, health insurance card, and other items that show personal information; and,

WHEREAS, with the growing popularity of social media, such as Twitter and Facebook, the Ohio Attorney General's Office estimates that 1 in 10 Ohioans under the age of 19 years old could be the victim of identify theft, and those numbers increase to 1 in 5 for college-aged students; and,

WHEREAS, more information on how to protect personal information and the steps to take if someone's identity has been stolen can be found on the Federal Trade Commission's website (<http://ftc.gov/idtheft>) and an identity theft information kit is available on the City of Parma's website (www.cityofparma-oh.gov/documents/protect-yourself-against-identity-theft-2009.pdf);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council hereby supports "Identity Theft Awareness Month" designated for the month of December, 2012.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward a true and accurate copy of this Resolution to The Federal Trade Commission and the Ohio Attorney General.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary due to the observance taking place next month, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: _____
MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO