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RESOLUTION NO. 119-21

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BY: **KRISTIN L. SABAN**

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL
164, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 164 has been introduced in the 134th General Assembly of the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, under the current Goddard's Law (H.B. 60), ORC 959.131 Subsection C, it is a Fifth Degree Felony to knowingly cause serious physical harm to a companion animal; and

WHEREAS, with the new sentencing reform laws, person(s) who are convicted of a Fifth Degree Felony are spending little or no time in prison even for the most egregious acts against companion animals; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 164 would increase penalties under Goddard's Law to a Fourth Degree Felony, for killing a companion animal with 6 to 18 months in prison and \$5,000 in fines; and

WHEREAS, the legislation would create a new offense for those who aid or abet in killing or causing serious injury to a companion animal, the penalty for such offense would be a Fifth Degree Felony; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 164 classifies the F4, F5 and M1 as Violent Offenses; and

WHEREAS, these felonies would be non-expungable; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 164 bans the use of the gas chamber to euthanize companion animals.

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

Section 1. That the Council and the Administration of the City of Parma hereby support Senate Bill 164, creating a new offense for those who aid or abet in killing or causing serious injury to a companion animal.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward a true and accurate copy of this Resolution to State Senator Nickie J. Antonio and State Representative Jeffrey Crossman.

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 to show support of Senate Bill 164, 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