

**RESOLUTION 2021 – 3**

**PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY AS HEART HEALTH LITERACY MONTH IN  
MASON**

**WHEREAS**, February is the federally designated Heart Health Month, a tradition for over a half of century, that focuses the nation’s attention on keeping families and communities free from heart disease, the No. 1 killer of Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, over 121 million people in the U.S. have cardiovascular disease; and

**WHEREAS**, Heart Health Month reinforces the importance of the need for more research, with a reminder to get families, friends and communities involved; and

**WHEREAS**, the first Friday of the month, Feb. 5, 2021, National Wear Red Day, is supported by the American Heart Association and celebrated throughout the world in conjunction with National Heart Health Month, focusing specifically on raising awareness of heart disease and stroke risk factors; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mason will launch a Heart Health Initiative this February with the American Heart Association, as well as corporate and startup partners to raise awareness and heart health literacy among residents and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mason has developed a strong ecosystem with technology and life science businesses pursuing methods and diagnostic solutions that are leading medical advances and disrupting traditional standards of care in Mason; and

**WHEREAS**, Mason-based companies such as AtriCure (innovating to treat and eradicate Afib and related conditions globally) and Genetesis (developing breakthrough technology to help detect irregular heart conditions) are leading the way; and

**WHEREAS**, education is the key to understanding and changing the outcome of this epidemic where more than 80% of the cardiovascular diseases are preventable.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Mason Ohio, that seven members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. That the Council of the City of Mason hereby designates and proclaims February as Heart Health Literacy

Section 2. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

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Mayor Kathy Grossmann

Attest:

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Lisa Ahr, Clerk of Council