

RESOLUTION NO. 43-08

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ADOPT
THE REFORMS PROPOSED IN THE YOUTH PROMISE ACT TO REDUCE
YOUTH VIOLENCE AND DELINQUENCY.**

**Requested By: Councilwoman Joy A. Jordan
Sponsored By: Councilwoman Joy A. Jordan
First Reading on July 15, 2008**

Passed Second Reading on August 19, 2008

WHEREAS, this bill is a gang, delinquency and crime prevention and intervention bill, which addresses the root causes of youth and gang violence before crime occurs; and

WHEREAS, the Youth PROMISE Act builds upon evidence-based and promising practices proven to reduce youth violence and delinquency, Rather than creating additional and duplicative punitive approaches that do little to prevent youth from engaging in delinquent conduct; and

WHEREAS, under the Youth PROMISE Act, communities facing the greatest youth gang, delinquency and crime challenges will come together – via the PROMISE Coordinating Council, which is comprised of community-based organizations, schools, faith organizations, health, social services, law enforcement, the courts, and mental health providers – to develop and implement a comprehensive local plan to support young people and their families and make our communities safer, reduce victimization, and help at-risk young people to lead law-abiding and healthy lives, free from gangs, delinquency and/or criminal involvement; and

WHEREAS, the Youth PROMISE Act provides for a one year planning grant for each community facing a high risk of crime and gang activity that will enable each community to assess unmet needs for preventing crime from occurring; and

WHEREAS, The Youth PROMISE Act builds upon the broad array of evidence-based and promising strategies that are proven effective to reduce and prevent youth violence and delinquency by requiring thorough assessment and evaluation measures be implemented to ensure that resources are directed toward communities faced with the highest levels of crime and gang activity; and

WHEREAS, the Youth PROMISE Act provides for thorough evaluation, including analyses of the cost savings to society yielded by investing in prevention and intervention rather than in more costly and ineffective prosecution and incarceration.

WHEREAS, the Youth PROMISE Act allows for savings from investments in prevention and intervention programs such as early childhood education, after-school, mentoring, and other programs to be reinvested in prevention and intervention efforts funded under the Act.

WHEREAS, the Youth PROMISE Act also provides for the hiring and training of Youth Oriented Policing (YOPS) officers to prevent and address juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity in a manner that is responsive to the research on juveniles and adolescent brain development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of East Cleveland, Ohio, three-fifths (3/5) concurring:

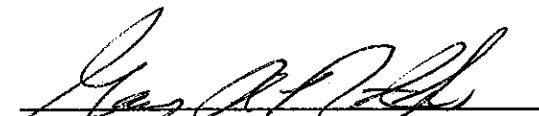
SECTION 1. This Council urges the United States Congress to adopt the reforms proposed in the Youth PROMISE Act to reduce youth violence and delinquency.

SECTION 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the congressional office of Congressman Bobby Scott of Virginia.

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

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

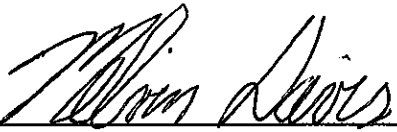
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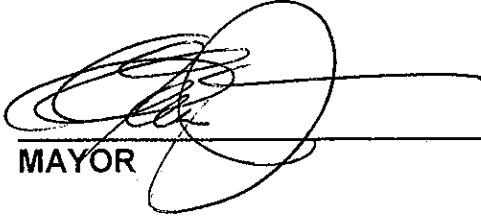


**PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL
GARY NORTON, JR.**


ATTEST:

APPROVED:


CLERK OF COUNCIL
MELVIN DAVIS


MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


DIRECTOR OF LAW

VETO: YES _____ NO _____

First Reading
Date 7-15-08

Second Reading
Date 8-19-08

	Yea	Nay	Yea	Nay
Councilor Nathaniel Martin	_____	_____	<u>X</u>	_____
Councilor Barbara J. Thomas	_____	_____	<u>X</u>	_____
Councilor Joy A. Jordan	_____	_____	<u>X</u>	_____
Councilor Mildred Brewer	_____	_____	<u>X</u>	_____
Councilor Gary Norton, Jr.	_____	_____	<u>X</u>	_____