WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 065112 dated December 7, 2006, the Cuyahoga County Board of County Commissioners adopted a revised Cuyahoga County Citizen Participation Plan (the “Plan”) related to the Consolidated Plan, as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, in accordance with 24 C.F.R. 91.105; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the Plan in order to incorporate certain requirements of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (“CARES”) Act related to public meetings and public notice; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue and to provide for the usual, daily operation of a County entity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby amends the Cuyahoga County Citizen Participation Plan required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to comply with requirements under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (“CARES”) Act, by adding Title X as follows:

X. CARES ACT FUNDING

Any provision of this Citizen Participation Plan to the contrary notwithstanding, plans for expending funding provided under the CARES Act shall be subject to the following:
1. Public meetings regarding planning to expend CARES Act funding may be held electronically, either through call-in or online, in accordance with Ohio HB 197, passed March 25, 2020.

2. A draft of a proposed CARES Act funding plan may be posted on the Cuyahoga County website when posting at local libraries and County offices is impractical due to a public health emergency.

3. The public comment period for any proposed CARES Act funding plan shall be five calendar days.

SECTION 2. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all 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, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by _______, seconded by ________, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

_________________________  ______________________
County Council President             Date

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County Executive               Date