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CITY OF MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS, OHIO

Resolution No. 2022-**64**

Introduced By: Mr. Grech, Mr. Bortolotto, Mr. Ali,
Mr. Sage, Mr. Meany, Mr. McGregor, Mr. Ference

**A RESOLUTION
URGING THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)
TO PRIORITIZE FIGHTING ILLEGAL ROBOCALLS**

WHEREAS, unwanted calls, including illegal and spoofed robocalls, are the number one complaint to the FCC, scammers have swindled billions of dollars out of Americans; and

WHEREAS, robocalls are auto-dialed calls that deliver a prerecorded message; and

WHEREAS, caller ID spoofing is when a caller deliberately falsifies information transmitted to your caller ID to disguise their identity; and

WHEREAS, advances in technology have unfortunately allowed illegal and spoofed robocalls to be made from anywhere in the world and more cheaply and easily than ever before; and

WHEREAS, some robocalls are legal, such as calls reminding you of an appointment, but other robocalls that you have not consented to that generally try to get you to pay for something or to give away personal information are illegal and often used in scams; and

WHEREAS, many robocall schemes impersonate a government agency, such as the IRS, other ploys focus on extended vehicle warranties, credit card interest reduction rates or medical devices and the caller expresses urgency for you to act; and

WHEREAS, phone providers and the FCC need to quickly address the skyrocketing problem of robotexts; and

WHEREAS, the FCC must follow through with its promise to monitor how effectively all providers are reducing/blocking robocalls; and

WHEREAS, the FCC should move up the deadline for smaller providers to comply with STIR/SHAKEN; and

WHEREAS, in addition to implementing caller ID verification, phone companies should offer customers an array of optional free services to provide more protection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS, STATE OF OHIO, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That this Council urges the Federal Communications Commission to prioritize fighting illegal robocalls and texts, by coordinating efforts with law enforcement and phone carriers to identify and block robocalls and by imposing stiffer penalties on illegal robocallers.

Section 2: That the Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to forward this Resolution to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

Section 3: It is hereby 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 deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Chapter 107 of the Middleburg Heights Code and Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Passed: 6/28/22

Attest: M. Meola
Clerk of Council

Presented to Mayor: 6/29/22

David Bortolotto
President of Council

Approved On: 6-29-22

Matthew Casella
Mayor

	Yea	Nay
Bortolotto	<u>X</u>	_____
Ali	<u>X</u>	_____
Sage	<u>X</u>	_____
Meany	<u>X</u>	_____
McGregor	<u>X</u>	_____
Ference	<u>X</u>	_____
Grech	<u>ABSENT</u>	_____

CERTIFICATE

I, Mary Ann Meola, Clerk of Council of the City of Middleburg Heights, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of Res. 2022-04 passed on the 28th day of June 2022 by said Council.

Mary Ann Meola
Clerk of Council

I, Mary Ann Meola, Clerk of the Council of the City of Middleburg Hts., Ohio, hereby certify that Res. 2022-04 adopted by the Council of the City of Middleburg Hts., on 6/28/22 was posted for a period of fifteen days, beginning 6/30/22 and remained so posted for fifteen days at the two posting places as designated by Charter.

Mary Ann Meola
Clerk