Proclamation

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR JUSTIN M. BIBB

In recognition of

Al-Anon Family Groups

75th Anniversary

Whereas, on behalf of the citizens of the City of Cleveland, I am honored to offer this Proclamation honoring the 75th Anniversary of Al-Anon Family Group; and,

Whereas, Al-Anon Family Groups was officially established in 1951, by Lois W. and Anne B. to provide hope, strength, and support to the families and friends of individuals struggling with alcoholism; and,

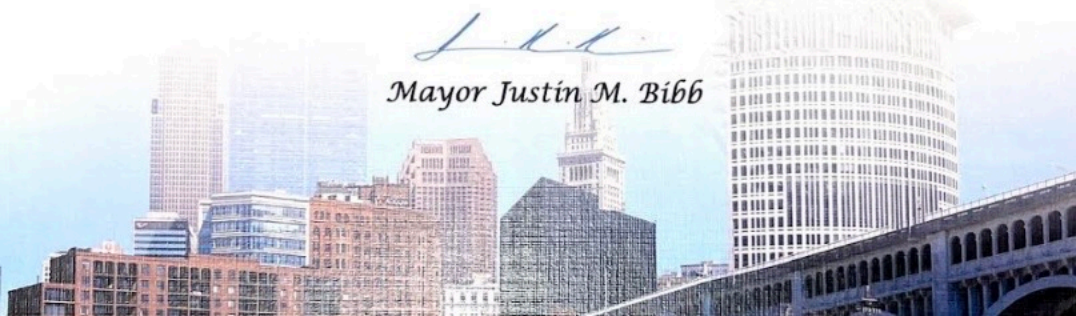
Whereas, the organization began as a clearing house committee created to coordinate, unify, and support 87 inquiries from groups seeking fellowship and guidance for families and loved ones affected by alcoholism. This clearing house would later become the World Service Office, headquartered in Virginia Beach, serving as the international hub for Al-Anon Family Groups and Alateen programs around the world; and,

Whereas, since its founding, Al-Anon Family Groups has grown into a worldwide fellowship with more than 25,000 groups across 133 countries, as well as 107 electronic meetings as of 2022, offering compassion, encouragement, and recovery to millions of individuals and families; and,

Whereas, for seventy-five years, Al-Anon Family Groups has provided a safe and welcoming environment where individuals affected by another person's drinking can find understanding, healing, and hope through shared experience and mutual support; and,

Whereas, the 75th Anniversary of Al-Anon Family Groups is an opportunity to recognize the organization's enduring impact on individuals, families, and communities, and to celebrate its unwavering commitment to recovery, unity, and service.

Now therefore, I, Justin M. Bibb, the 58th Mayor of the City of Cleveland, do hereby offer this Proclamation recognizing and celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Al-Anon Family Groups, honoring its legacy of compassion, support, and service, and encouraging all citizens to acknowledge the important role Al-Anon and Alateen continue to play in strengthening families and communities around the world.

In witness thereof, I have set my hand and caused the Corporate Seal of the City of Cleveland to be affixed on this 1st day of July in the year 2026.

Mayor Justin M. Bibb