

**CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Community Services Committee**

February 14, 2012

**RESOLUTION TO OFFER A FOOD FOR FINES PROGRAM**

- WHEREAS, The Cleveland Public Library has been an enthusiastic supporter of the Cleveland Foodbank's Harvest for Hunger campaign for several years; and
- WHEREAS, The Library wishes to strengthen its support of the Cleveland Foodbank in 2012 by sponsoring a program called Food for Fines that will offer overdue fine forgiveness in exchange for food donations of the non-perishable food items most in demand at local hunger centers; and
- WHEREAS, A number of CLEVNET member libraries have expressed the desire to coordinate on a food for fines program during March 2012, that will collectively raise awareness of the hunger issues faced in our region; and
- WHEREAS, The procedures to implement the food for fines program will be developed by Administrative staff; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED, The Cleveland Public Library will offer an overdue fine forgiveness program called Food for Fines from March 19-31, 2012, in support of the Cleveland Foodbank's ongoing efforts to address hunger and food insecurity in Northeast Ohio.