

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2011-206

First Reading Passage Requested

2 I. Shapiro

3 SPONSOR Mrs. Shapiro & Mr. Pry & Council of the Whole

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4 DATE May 16, 2011

5 COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution in support of National Missing Children's Day on Wednesday, May 25, 2011**
8 **and encouraging the residents of Summit County to remember all the children missing**
9 **worldwide; to make child safety a priority and to promote participation in activities, such**
10 **as the Guardian Against Sexual Predators (G.A.S.P.) event at Hardesty Park and any**
11 **events and programs offered by the communities, libraries, schools and governments of the**
12 **County that are designed to raise awareness of the issues surrounding missing and**
13 **exploited children, for the County Council and the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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15 WHEREAS, Wednesday, May 25, 2011 is National Missing Children's Day; and

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17 WHEREAS, the National Missing Children's Day is an annual reminder to the nation to
18 make child safety an utmost priority; and

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20 WHEREAS, National Missing Children's Day honors the nationwide commitment to
21 help locate and recover missing children; and

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23 WHEREAS, the 1979 disappearance of 6-year old Etan Patz from a New York street
24 corner on his way to school served as the impetus for the creation of National Missing Children's
25 Day; and

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27 WHEREAS, in 1983, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed May 25th to be National
28 Missing Children's Day and this day has been observed by every administration since; and

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30 WHEREAS, in the United States nearly 800,000 children are reported missing a year,
31 more than 58,000 children are abducted by nonfamily members and more than 2,000 children are
32 missing every day; and

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34 WHEREAS, G.A.S.P. is an organization that provides trained volunteers who deliver
35 programs and education for child safety and protection in Summit County; and

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37 WHEREAS, G.A.S.P. is sponsoring an event at Hardesty Park in observance of National
38 Missing Children's Day; and

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40 WHEREAS, many resources will be shared at the G.A.S. P. event to help families and
41 communities learn more how they can talk to their children about safety, prevent child
42 abductions and increase the safety of their neighborhoods; and

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44 WHEREAS, in the interest of promoting activities of G.A.S.P. and to promote activities
45 and programs among Summit County's communities, libraries, schools and governments, this
46 Council desires to support National Missing Children's Day in Summit County; and

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48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the County of Summit,
49 State of Ohio, that:

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SECTION 1

The Summit County Council hereby declares support of National Missing Children's Day and all residents of the County are encouraged to participate in any events and programs offered by the communities, libraries, schools and governments of the County that promote missing children awareness.

SECTION 2

This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of immediately declaring support of National Missing Children's Day in Summit County prior to the commencement of said day.

SECTION 3

The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to distribute this Resolution to all political subdivisions within the County of Summit.

SECTION 4

Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest possible time provided by law.

SECTION 5

It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this 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.

INTRODUCED May 16, 2011

ADOPTED May 16, 2011

Shirley P. Green
CLERK OF COUNCIL

[Signature]
PRESIDENT

APPROVED May 16, 2011

[Signature]
EXECUTIVE

May 16, 2011
ENACTED EFFECTIVE

Voice Vote: 11-0 YES: Komunale, Crawford, Feeman, Kostandaras
Kurt, Lee, Prenice, Rodgers, Roemer, Schmidt, Shapiro,