

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2018-406 First Reading Passage Requested

2 (J. Dodson)

3 SPONSOR Ms. Shapiro and Council of the Whole

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5 DATE October 15, 2018

6 COMMITTEE Finance

7 **A Resolution supporting Issue 8 on the November 6, 2018 ballot, for the renewal of an**  
8 **existing 2.25 mill tax levy and an increase of 1 mill, to constitute a tax levy of 3.25 mills, for**  
9 **the Summit County Children Services Board, in order to allow that agency to continue its**  
10 **operations and provide compassionate care and protection for the County's children from**  
11 **abuse and neglect, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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13 WHEREAS, this Council previously adopted Resolution No. 2018-241, declaring the  
14 necessity of levying a tax outside the ten mill limitation for the benefit of the Summit County  
15 Children Services Board ("SCCSB"), to be certified for the ballot for the general election on  
16 November 6, 2018; and

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18 WHEREAS, said levy will be for the renewal of an existing 2.25 mill tax levy and an  
19 increase of 1 mill, to constitute a tax levy of 3.25 mills; and

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21 WHEREAS, SCCSB has provided protection from harm for abused, neglected and  
22 abandoned children since the agency's founding as the Summit County Children's Home in  
23 1885; and

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25 WHEREAS, SCCSB has grown and evolved from an orphanage into the one agency  
26 mandated by law to respond to, investigate and deal with child abuse and neglect in our  
27 community; and

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29 WHEREAS, SCCSB has not requested an increase of its levy in 30 years, even as  
30 revenue for SCCSB has decreased by over \$58.6 million since 2008; and

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32 WHEREAS, this loss of revenue occurred while the State of Ohio reduced its funding for  
33 child protection to the lowest in the nation; and

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35 WHEREAS, there has been a 36% increase in the number of children in SCCSB custody,  
36 largely due to the opioid epidemic in Summit County; and

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38 WHEREAS, SCCSB now serves 1 in 12 children in Summit County, and, due to sound  
39 fiscal management, has maintained quality services for those children; and

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41 WHEREAS, SCCSB receives nearly 11,000 calls each year and SCCSB has been on the  
42 front lines as a first responder to the reports of child abuse and neglect; and

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44 WHEREAS, protecting children from abuse and neglect is one of the most important  
45 things we can do with our tax dollars; and  
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4 WHEREAS the failure of the proposed levy will result in SCCSB being forced to cut  
5 34% of its staff and 20% of its budget, which would dramatically impact the ability of SCCSB to  
6 keep the children of Summit County safe; and

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8 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,  
9 that it is necessary, and in the best interest of the County, to formally express support for the  
10 passage of Issue 8;

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

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15 SECTION 1

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17 This Council hereby expresses its support for Issue 8 on the November 6, 2018 ballot, for  
18 the renewal of an existing 2.25 mill tax levy and an increase of 1 mill, to constitute a tax levy of  
19 3.25 mills, for the Summit County Children Services Board.

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21 SECTION 2

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23 The residents of the County of Summit are respectfully urged to support this levy by  
24 voting YES on Issue 8 on November 6, 2018, or by voting early, so that the Summit County  
25 Children Services Board will be able to continue to operate and maintain the services and  
26 facilities available to Summit County residents.

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28 SECTION 3

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30 This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency in the interest of the health, safety  
31 and welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit and for the further reason of immediately  
32 expressing the aforementioned support for Issue 8 prior to the commencement of early voting for  
33 the November 6, 2018 election.

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35 SECTION 4

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

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41 SECTION 5

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43 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating  
44 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all  
45 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,  
46 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section  
47 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.  
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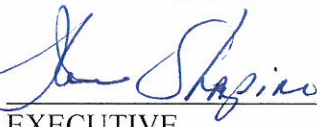
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CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED October 16, 2018

  
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EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE October 16, 2018

Voice Vote: YES 11-0 - Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman, Hamilton, Koehler, Prentice, Rodgers, Schmidt, Soyars, Walters, Wilhite