RESOLUTION NO. 2019-005			
SPONSOR Ms. Shapiro			
DATE January 28, 2019	COMMITTEE	Public Safety	

A Resolution authorizing the County Executive to execute, subject to the approval of the Board of Control, a professional service contract between the Legal Defenders Office of Summit County, Ohio, Inc. and the Summit County Public Defender Commission for legal defender services for indigents for the Commission, for the period 1/1/19 to 12/31/19, in an amount not to exceed \$619,500.00, for the Executive and the Summit County Public Defender Commission, and declaring an emergency.

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WHEREAS, the County has formed the Summit County Public Defender Commission pursuant to Chapter 120 the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is responsible for providing legal defense services to certain indigent persons charged with the commission of crimes under the ORC, the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit and various municipal ordinances within the boundaries of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is authorized by Section 120.14 of the Ohio Revised Code to contract with a nonprofit organization to provide legal services to indigent persons; and

WHEREAS, the Commission wishes to contract with the Legal Defenders Office of Summit County, Ohio, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, to provide legal representation to indigent persons on behalf of the Commission from 1/1/19 to 12/31/19, for an amount not to exceed \$619,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive is required to execute the aforementioned contract, the cost of which will be paid out of funds appropriated by Council in Account No. 10003-2711-45501 pursuant to Resolution No. 2018-500; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the County Executive to execute, subject to the approval of the Board of Control, said professional service contract with the Legal Defenders Office of Summit County, Inc. and the Summit County Public Defender Commission for legal defender services for indigents for the Commission, for the period 1/1/19 to 12/31/19, in an amount not to exceed \$619,500.00; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information, that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the County Executive to execute, subject to the approval of the Board of Control, the aforementioned professional service contract with the Legal Defenders Office of Summit County, Ohio, Inc.;

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

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## SECTION 1

The County Executive is hereby authorized to execute, subject to the approval of the Board of Control, a professional service contract between the Legal Defenders Office of Summit County, Ohio, Inc. and the Summit County Public Defender Commission for legal defender services for indigents for the Commission, for the period 1/1/19 to 12/31/19, in an amount not to exceed \$619,500.00.

## **SECTION 2**

This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately provide necessary legal defender services for indigents in 2019.

## **SECTION 3**

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 time provided by law.

## **SECTION 4**

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 January 7, 2019	
ADOPTED January 28, 2019	
	Sellent With
CLERK OF COUNCIL	PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL
APPROVED January 29, 2019	

EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE January 29, 2019

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