

RESOLUTION NO 2010-098 Late Filing-First Reading Passage Requested

I. Shapiro

SPONSOR Mr. Pry, Ms. Shapiro, and Council of the Whole

DATE March 1, 2010 COMMITTEE Planning

A Resolution expressing support for Issue 1 and encouraging all Summit County residents to vote YES on Issue 1 at the May 4, 2010 primary election, for the Council and the Executive and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, Issue 1 is a statewide ballot measure that would renew and continue the highly successful Ohio Third Frontier Program ("OTF"), which was created in 2002 with bipartisan support; and

WHEREAS, OTF invests in technology based industries and ventures through a competitive process of independent expert review and minimum levels of excellence; and

WHEREAS, OTF has created more than 48,000 jobs since its inception, and has helped Ohio grow employment in high-tech industries from 2004 to 2008; and

WHEREAS, OTF has attracted or capitalized 571 start-up companies and produced a \$6.6 billion total economic impact; and

WHEREAS, the \$1.35 billion investment already funded through OTF is projected to repay itself through tax receipts by 2014; and

WHEREAS, the OTF has been applauded by the Pew Center for the States as "a comprehensive, professionally run effort to build world-class research capacity, promote interaction between research and industry and commercialize R&D;" and

WHEREAS, the State legislature, by widely bipartisan votes (30-2 in the Senate and 83-14 in the House) has recommended that funding for the OTF be renewed at a level of \$700 million over four years, and Issue 1 would obtain the necessary approval of the voters to do so; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to express its strong support for Issue 1 and to encourage all Summit County residents to vote YES on Issue 1 at the May 4, 2010 primary election.

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

SECTION 1

This Council hereby expresses its strong support for Issue 1 and encourages all Summit County residents to vote YES on Issue 1 at the May 4, 2010 primary election.

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 to immediately express support for Issue 1 in a sufficient time before the May 4, 2010 primary election.

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SECTION 3

Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members of this Council, it shall effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the County 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 taken 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 March 1, 2010

ADOPTED March 1, 2010


CLERK OF THE COUNCIL


PRESIDENT

APPROVED March 2, 2010


EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE March 2, 2010

Voice Vote: 11-0 YES: Komunale, Crawford, Crossland, Feeman, Kostandaras, Poda, Prentice, Rodgers, Schmidt, Shapiro, Smith