

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2011-469

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3 SPONSOR Mr. Pry and Mr. Kostandaras, Comunale, Crawford, Feeman, Kurt, Lee,
4 Prentice, Roemer, Schmidt, Shapiro

5 DATE November 21, 2011 COMMITTEE Planning

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7 **A Resolution expressing support for the installation of video lottery terminals and**
8 **associated redevelopment at Northfield Park, in the Village of Northfield, Council District**
9 **1, for the Council and Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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11 WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has authorized the operation of video lottery terminals for
12 use by the public at horse racetracks throughout the State, and has promulgated rules allowing
13 those racetracks to begin the process of installing video lottery terminals; and

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15 WHEREAS, Northfield Park, located in the Village of Northfield, in northern Summit
16 County, Council District 1, opened in 1957 and has operated as a horse racetrack since that time;
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19 WHEREAS, for decades, Northfield Park has been a major employer in the Village of
20 Northfield and has been a key part of the economic landscape of northern Summit County; and

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22 WHEREAS, Northfield Park intends to install video lottery terminals and further
23 redevelop its property by making more than \$200,000,000.00 in improvements, renovations and
24 license fee payments; and

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26 WHEREAS, the installation and operation of video lottery terminals and the associated
27 redevelopment is anticipated to create approximately 1,000 construction and ongoing permanent
28 jobs in northern Summit County; and

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30 WHEREAS, the installation and operation of video lottery terminals and the associated
31 redevelopment will spur additional development near Northfield Park, thereby creating
32 additional employment opportunities and sales and property tax revenue for the County; and

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34 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
35 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to express support for the installation of
36 video lottery terminals and associated redevelopment at Northfield Park;

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

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41 SECTION 1

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43 This Council hereby expresses its support for the installation of video lottery terminals
44 and associated redevelopment at Northfield Park, and further recognizes the job creation and
45 development opportunities related to that project.

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47 SECTION 2

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49 This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency in the interest of the health, safety
50 and welfare of the citizens of the County and for the further reason to immediately provide the
51 aforementioned support for Northfield Park as the aforementioned project begins to move
52 forward.

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4 SECTION 3

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

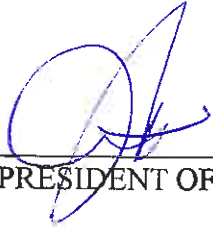
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10 SECTION 4

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12 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to
13 the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
14 deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in
15 meetings open to the public, in compliance with legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the
16 Ohio Revised Code.

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18 INTRODUCED November 7, 2011

19 November 21, 2011
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24 CLERK OF COUNCIL



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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26 APPROVED November 22, 2011

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30 EXECUTIVE

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32 ENACTED EFFECTIVE November 22, 2011

Voice Vote: 9-1: Yes: Crawford, Feeman, Kostandaras, Kurt, Lee, Prentice
Roemer, Schmidt, Shapiro. Absent: Comunale. No: Rodgers