

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2012-389 First Reading Passage Requested

2 (J. Dodson)

3 SPONSOR Mr. Pry and Council of the Whole

4 DATE October 1, 2012

5 COMMITTEE Committee of the Whole

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7 **A Resolution supporting Issue 73 on the November 6, 2012 ballot, for the renewal of an**  
8 **existing 2.25 mill tax levy for the Summit County Children Services Board in order to allow**  
9 **that agency to continue its operations and provide compassionate care and protection for**  
10 **the County's children from abuse and neglect, for the Executive, and declaring an**  
11 **emergency.**

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13 WHEREAS, this Council previously adopted Resolution No. 2012-212, 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, 2012; and

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18 WHEREAS, SCCSB has provided protection from harm for abused, neglected and  
19 abandoned children since the agency's founding as the Summit County Children's Home in  
20 1885; and

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

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26 WHEREAS, SCCSB investigated more than 6,500 reports of possible child abuse or  
27 neglect in 2011; and

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29 WHEREAS, SCCSB has worked hard to reduce costs in order to reduce the burden on  
30 taxpayers while at the same time focusing on constantly improving services to children and  
31 families; and

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33 WHEREAS, this levy is the only levy for SCCSB, and, if it fails, the agency will lose  
34 more than half its funding; and

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36 WHEREAS, if this levy should fail, the County's general fund would need to support the  
37 operating costs of SCCSB, thereby severely burdening the County's resources and jeopardizing  
38 County services; and

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40 WHEREAS, protecting children from abuse and neglect is one of the most important  
41 things we can do with our tax dollars; and

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43 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,  
44 that it is necessary, and in the best interest of the County, to formally express support for the  
45 passage of Issue 73.

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47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the County of Summit,  
48 State of Ohio, that:  
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4 SECTION 1

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6 This Council hereby expresses its support for Issue 73 on the November 6, 2012 ballot,  
7 for the renewal of an existing 2.25 mill tax levy for the Summit County Children Services Board.

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9 SECTION 2

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11 The residents of the County of Summit are respectfully urged to support this levy by  
12 voting YES on Issue 73 on November 6, 2012, or by voting early, so that the Summit County  
13 Children Services Board will be able to continue to operate and maintain the services and  
14 facilities available to Summit County residents.

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16 SECTION 3

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18 This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency in the interest of the health, safety  
19 and welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit and for the further reason of immediately  
20 expressing the aforementioned support for Issue 73 prior to the commencement of early voting  
21 for the November 6, 2012 election.

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23 SECTION 4

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

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29 SECTION 5

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31 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating  
32 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all  
33 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,  
34 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section  
35 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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38 INTRODUCED October 1, 2012

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40 ADOPTED October 1, 2012

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45 CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

46 APPROVED October 2, 2012

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50 EXECUTIVE

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52 ENACTED EFFECTIVE October 2, 2012

Voice Vote: 10-0. YES: Comunale, Crawford, Feeman, Kostandaras, Kurt Lee, Rodgers, Roemer, Schmidt, Shapiro. Absent: Prentice