

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2014-187

**First Reading Passage Requested**

**(P. Prentice)**

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

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6 DATE April 28, 2014

COMMITTEE Human Services

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8 **A Resolution opposing Ohio House Bill 369 and expressing support for continued local**  
9 **control of community mental health and addiction services, for the Executive and Council,**  
10 **and declaring an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, Ohio House Bill 369 attempts to restrict funding for local mental health and  
13 addiction services by reprioritizing local investments and program decisions for Summit County  
14 at the risk of disrupting health services; and

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16 WHEREAS, historically, local volunteer citizens of the County of Summit Alcohol, Drug  
17 Addiction & Mental Health Services Board (“ADM Board”) have identified local needs and  
18 empowered community action through local partnerships with schools, courts, human service  
19 agencies, and other stakeholders on issues concerning mental health and addiction prevention,  
20 treatment, and recovery supports to provide the services necessary to meet Summit County  
21 needs; and

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23 WHEREAS, the members and employees of the ADM Board are the closest to the people  
24 in need of mental health and addiction prevention, treatment, and recovery support; and

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26 WHEREAS, Chapter 340 of the Ohio Revised Code grants local ADM Boards the right  
27 and responsibility to assess the community addiction and mental health needs, evaluate strengths  
28 and challenges, and set priorities for community addiction and mental health services; and

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30 WHEREAS, Ohio House Bill 369 eliminates the local control that ADM Boards have  
31 over mental health and addiction services and instead inserts the control of the Ohio Department  
32 of Mental Health and Addiction Services’ judgment over these local matters; 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 of Summit to oppose Ohio House Bill  
36 369 and express support for continued local control of community mental health and addiction  
37 services.

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

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42 SECTION 1

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44 This Council expresses its opposition to Ohio House Bill 369 and support for continued  
45 local control of community mental health and addiction services.

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47 SECTION 2

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49 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
50 welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit, and for the further reason of immediately  
51 expressing opposition to Ohio House Bill 369 and support for continued local control of  
52 community mental health and addiction services.  
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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  
7 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take  
8 effect and be 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  
13 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all  
14 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,  
15 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section  
16 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.  
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19 INTRODUCED April 28, 2014

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21 ADOPTED April 28, 2014

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25 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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33 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED April 29, 2014

EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE April 29, 2014

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