

1 RESOLUTION NO 2014-250

First Reading Passage Requested

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3 SPONSOR Mr. Pry and Mrs. Prentice and Council of the Whole

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5 DATE June 2, 2014

COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution declaring Sunday - June 15, 2014, as Elder Abuse Awareness Day and**
8 **encouraging the residents of Summit County to participate in any events and programs**
9 **offered by the communities, libraries, schools, governments and private-sector**
10 **organizations that are designed to raise awareness of the abuse of older persons, for the**
11 **Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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13 WHEREAS, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was launched on June 15, 2006, by the
14 International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization at
15 the United Nations to raise awareness of the problem of elder abuse and the resources available
16 for the protection of seniors; and

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18 WHEREAS, in February 2012, House Bill 215 was adopted, thereby naming June 15 of
19 each year as “Elder Abuse Awareness Day”; and

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21 WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services has encouraged all adult
22 protective services professionals and advocates to “Wear Purple to Work” on Friday – June 13,
23 2014, and take a stance against elder abuse; and

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25 WHEREAS, the County Executive and County Council are committed to working
26 together to ensure the rights of seniors residing in Summit County live safely and with dignity
27 free from any type of elder abuse and are further committed to raising public awareness of elder
28 abuse and the services available for the protection of seniors; and

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30 WHEREAS, locally the Senior Independent Living Coalition (“SILC”), an initiative of
31 the Summit 2020: A Quality of Life Project, has placed the emphasis of its purpose on reducing
32 the incidence of elder abuse/neglect and maintaining senior health; and

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34 WHEREAS, elder abuse includes physical abuse, emotional abuse, neglect, financial
35 exploitation that may lead to harm and may even result in the death of seniors; and

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37 WHEREAS, elder abuse affects seniors of all socio-economic groups, cultures, and races,
38 and occurs across the world, nation and state, in institutional settings, and in their homes and is
39 committed by both caregivers and family members whom seniors rely on for care; and

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41 WHEREAS, research indicates that even though more than one in ten seniors may
42 experience some type of abuse, only one in five of these incidences are ever discovered and/or
43 reported; and

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45 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
46 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to declare Sunday - June 15,
47 2014, as Elder Abuse Awareness Day;

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

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Voice Vote: 11-0 YES: Komunale, Crawford, Feeman, Kostandaras
Kurt, Lee, Prentice, Rodgers, Roemer, Schmidt, Shapiro

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4 SECTION 1

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6 The Summit County Council hereby declares Sunday - June 15, 2014, as Elder Abuse
7 Awareness Day and encourages all residents of the County to participate in any events and
8 programs offered by the communities, libraries, schools, governments and private-sector
9 institutions of the County in observance of this day.

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11 SECTION 2

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13 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
14 welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of immediately
15 declaring support of Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Summit County prior to the commencement
16 of said day.

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18 SECTION 3

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20 The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to distribute this Resolution to all political sub-
21 divisions within the County of Summit.

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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 possible 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 June 2, 2014

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40 ADOPTED June 2, 2014

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44 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED June 3, 2014

EXECUTIVE

June 3, 2014
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