

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2014-388

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

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6 DATE September 8, 2014 COMMITTEE Human Services

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8 **A Resolution expressing support for H.R. 5136, the “Breaking Addiction Act of 2014,”**
9 **introduced by Representative Marcia Fudge and co-sponsored by Representative Tim**
10 **Ryan, establishing a five-year demonstration project to expand cost-effective, community-**
11 **based treatment options to address the heroin/opiate epidemic, for the Executive and**
12 **Council, and declaring an emergency.**

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14 WHEREAS, Congresspersons Marcia Fudge (OH-11) and Tim Ryan (OH-13),
15 representing portions of Summit County, have co-sponsored a bill piloting a program in eight to
16 ten states to allow Medicaid to reimburse for the cost of residential addiction services in
17 community-based programs that were previously excluded from Medicaid reimbursement; and

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19 WHEREAS, the “Breaking Addiction Act of 2014” is aimed at increasing community
20 treatment options for heroin and other substance abuse; and

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22 WHEREAS, community treatment is important in responding to the heroin epidemic; and

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24 WHEREAS, fatal drug overdoses are now the leading cause of accidental death in Ohio,
25 including 52 heroin deaths in Summit County in 2013 and 45 in 2012; and

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27 WHEREAS, law enforcement, including the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of
28 Ohio, health care providers, and the local media have all called for action; and

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30 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines that it is necessary and in the best interest
31 of the County to express its support for the “Breaking Addiction Act of 2014.”

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

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36 SECTION 1

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38 This Council hereby supports and urges Congress to pass Representatives Fudge and
39 Ryan’s “Breaking Addiction Act of 2014,” H.R. 5136.

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41 SECTION 2

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43 The Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this Resolution
44 to Representative Marcia Fudge at 4834 Richmond Road, Suite 150, Warrensville Heights, Ohio,
45 44128, and Representative Tim Ryan, 1030 Tallmadge Avenue, Akron, Ohio 44310.

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47 SECTION 3

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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 supporting and encouraging Congress to adopt the “Breaking Addiction Act of 2014” as soon as
52 possible.

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4 SECTION 4

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6 Provided this Resolution received 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 5

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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 August 18, 2014

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21 ADOPTED September 8, 2014

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25 CLERK OF COUNCIL


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33 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED September 9, 2014


EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE September 9, 2014

Voice Vote: 9-2 YES: Komunale, Crawford, Feeman, Kostandaras
Kurt, Lee, Prentice, Schmidt, Shapiro
NO: Rodgers, Roemer