

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2014-579

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3 SPONSORS Mrs. Prentice, Mr. Feeman, **Late Filing**  
4 Ms. Shapiro, Mr. Pry and Council of the **First Reading Passage Request**  
5 Whole (Mrs. Prentice)  
6 DATE December 8, 2014 COMMITTEE Human Services

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8 **A Resolution declaring the month of January 2015 as Human Trafficking Awareness**  
9 **Month in Summit County, recognizing human trafficking as a form of modern-day slavery**  
10 **and encouraging the residents of Summit County to join in this acknowledgement, for the**  
11 **Summit County Council and the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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13 WHEREAS, human trafficking is a form of modern day slavery and has been identified  
14 as a problem throughout the world and in the United States, including Ohio; and

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16 WHEREAS, human trafficking is one of the fastest growing worldwide criminal  
17 enterprises, with an estimated 1,078 Ohio-born children as victims and 3,016 or more at risk,  
18 annually; and

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20 WHEREAS, the most common age for children who become victims of trafficking is 13  
21 years old, and the number of Ohio children who become victims of trafficking each year could  
22 fill a large high school; and

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24 WHEREAS, Ohio has passed landmark legislation to address the crime of modern day  
25 slavery within its borders, for which the Polaris Project recognized the state as one of the four  
26 most improved states in anti-trafficking laws; and

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28 WHEREAS, AmeriCorps' Prevention and Awareness of Trafficking in Humans (PATH)  
29 is a pioneer program developed to place 7 individuals throughout the State of Ohio to help  
30 combat this problem, and two of these individuals working in Summit County, hosted by the  
31 Victim Assistance Program in Akron, Ohio; and

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33 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,  
34 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to declare January 2015 as  
35 Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Summit County and to recognize the outstanding  
36 efforts of the AmeriCorps' Prevention and Awareness of Trafficking in Humans (PATH)  
37 program within the Victim Assistance Program.

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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 The month of January 2015 is hereby declared Human Trafficking Awareness Month in  
45 Summit County and this Council encourages the residents of Summit County to join in this  
46 acknowledgement. Further, this Council hereby recognizes the outstanding efforts of the  
47 AmeriCorps' Prevention and Awareness of Trafficking in Humans (PATH) program within the  
48 Victim Assistance Program.

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5 SECTION 2

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7 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
8 welfare of the citizens and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of  
9 immediately declaring January 2015 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Summit County  
10 prior to the commencement of that month.

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12 SECTION 3

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

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18 SECTION 4

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20 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating  
21 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all  
22 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,  
23 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section  
24 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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27 INTRODUCED December 8, 2014

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29 ADOPTED December 8, 2014

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33 CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
34 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

35 APPROVED December 9, 2014

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39 EXECUTIVE

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41 ENACTED EFFECTIVE December 9, 2014

Voice Vote: 8-0 YES: Comunale, Crawford, Feeman, Kurt,  
Lee, Roemer, Schmidt, Shapiro  
ABSENT: Kostandaras, Prentice, Rodgers