

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2015-303

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

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5 DATE July 20, 2015 COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution declaring the month of August 2015 Kids Month in the County of Summit**  
8 **and encouraging the citizens of Summit County to join in this acknowledgement, for the**  
9 **Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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11 WHEREAS, we recognize the importance of early childhood care, education, health,  
12 behavioral health, family support, special needs and early intervention; and

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14 WHEREAS, by ensuring good beginnings through early learning we are investing in the  
15 future prosperity of our community, because high quality, early childhood education is a critical  
16 component of K-12 success and is instrumental in cultivating a skilled workforce; and

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18 WHEREAS, the Summit For Kids Expo connects families with businesses, organizations  
19 and agencies that focus on children's programming, health, education, activities, and  
20 entertainment; and

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22 WHEREAS, health and wellness programs strive to ensure that comprehensive physical  
23 and mental health needs of children in Summit County are being addressed; and

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25 WHEREAS, promotion and implementation of strategies through the Safe Routes to  
26 Schools Program, Cribs for Kids, Safe Sitters, use of car seats and bike helmets to reduce  
27 preventable injury to children; and

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29 WHEREAS, we are committed to reducing infant mortality in Summit County because  
30 Ohio has the 11<sup>th</sup> worst infant mortality rate in the nation and infant deaths in the African  
31 American community in Summit County are nearly double the rate of other populations; and

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33 WHEREAS, through the leadership of the First Things First Initiative, we can make a  
34 difference in the quality of life, health, well-being and education of children in Summit County;  
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37 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,  
38 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to declare August 2015 as  
39 Kids Month in Summit County and to encourage the citizens of Summit County to join in this  
40 acknowledgement;

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

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45 SECTION 1

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47 The month of August 2015 is hereby declared Kids Month in Summit County and the  
48 citizens of Summit County are hereby encouraged to join in this acknowledgement.

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50 Week 1: Good Beginnings/Early Learning Week is focused on the educational  
51 needs for children ages 0-5  
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4 SECTION 1 (cont.)

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6 Week 2: Family Week emphasizes activities and events that are geared toward  
7 family engagement such as Father involvement, healthy life course model,  
8 family planning and community services.

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10 Week 3: Child Wellness Week will cover comprehensive child wellness which  
11 includes mental health, physical health, lead screenings, diet, exercise and  
12 oral health

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14 Week 4: Child Safety Week will encourage the uses of the Safe Routes to School  
15 program, car seat safety and share information from Safe Kids Summit  
16 County.

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18 SECTION 2

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20 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
21 welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit, and for the further reason of immediately  
22 declaring August 2015 as Kids Month in Summit County prior to the commencement of the  
23 month.

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25 SECTION 3

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

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31 SECTION 4

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33 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating  
34 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all  
35 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,  
36 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section  
37 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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40 INTRODUCED July 6, 2015

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42 ADOPTED July 20, 2015

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45 CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
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47 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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49 APPROVED July 21, 2015

50 EXECUTIVE

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52 ENACTED EFFECTIVE July 21, 2015

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