

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2018-008 First Reading Passage Requested

2 (P. Prentice)

3 SPONSORS Mrs. Prentice, Ms. Shapiro and Council of the Whole

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5 DATE January 8, 2018 COMMITTEE Committee of the Whole

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7 **A Resolution declaring the month of January 2018 as National Human Trafficking**
8 **Awareness and Prevention Month in Summit County, recognizing the horrific**
9 **consequences of this exploitation, emphasizing the need for public awareness to help**
10 **identify key warning signs of human trafficking and encouraging the residents of Summit**
11 **County to join in this acknowledgement, for the Council and the Executive, and declaring**
12 **an emergency.**

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14 WHEREAS, slavery and human trafficking include the use and transportation of persons,
15 through coercion, deception, or use or threat of force or violence, for such forms of exploitation
16 as forced labor and sexual servitude; and

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18 WHEREAS, the United Nations International Labour Organization estimates that 12.3
19 million men, women and children worldwide are currently being exploited this way; and

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21 WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of State estimates that between 600,000 and 800,000
22 of them, mostly women and girls, are trafficked annually across international borders, including
23 14,500 to 17,500 into the United States; and

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25 WHEREAS, it is estimated that 1,000 minors in Ohio are currently being forced to sell
26 sex, with more than 2,000 others potentially at risk of being trafficked; and

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28 WHEREAS, statistics show that the average age of those entering the commercial sex
29 market is between twelve and fourteen years old; and

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31 WHEREAS, in response to the public menace of human trafficking, Ohio Governor John
32 Kasich established in 2012 the Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force to help identify victims,
33 support law enforcement efforts to investigate and prosecute human trafficking crimes and to
34 provide the services and treatment necessary for victims to regain control of their lives; and

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36 WHEREAS, it is of great importance to encourage first responders, educators and all
37 residents of Ohio and Summit County to join in fighting the threat of human trafficking by
38 learning how to identify key warning signs and how to report suspicious activity to law
39 enforcement;

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

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44 SECTION 1

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46 The month of January 2018 is hereby declared National Human Trafficking Awareness
47 and Prevention Month in Summit County, and this Council hereby encourages the residents of
48 Summit County to join in this acknowledgement.
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4 SECTION 2

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6 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
7 welfare of the citizens and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of
8 immediately declaring January 2018 as National Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention
9 Month in Summit County.

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11 SECTION 3

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

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17 SECTION 4

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

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