

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-094

First Reading Passage Request

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SPONSOR Mr. Pry , Mr. Kostandaras, Mr. Poda, Mr. Schmidt, Mrs. Prentice and Mr. Crawford - Council of the Whole

DATE March 16, 2009

COMMITTEE Rules

A Resolution declaring that the County of Summit will use its best efforts to purchase materials, goods and services that are American-made, whenever and wherever possible, when expending sums received by the County through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, for the Executive and Council, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, the economic recession is impacting everyday Americans, including the citizens of Summit County, who are struggling to maintain or find jobs, pay their mortgages and support their families; and

WHEREAS, those same hard-working Americans pay the taxes needed to operate their local governments and provide essential services; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress has approved, and President Barack Obama has signed into law, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("ARRA"), which will provide billions of dollars to help economically devastated cities and states and immediately provide jobs to millions of out-of-work Americans through infrastructure rebuilding, green energy projects and other projects that will require manufactured goods; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of materials, goods and services produced in the United States of America using ARRA funds will immediately help struggling American families and will help stabilize our economy; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive and County Council believe that any funds received through the ARRA should, to the greatest extent possible, be used to purchase American-made materials, goods and services for ARRA projects, thus employing the very workers who pay the taxes that fund ARRA; and

WHEREAS, this Council has determined by reviewing all pertinent information that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to declare that the County shall use its best efforts to purchase materials, goods and services that are made in America, whenever and wherever possible.

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

SECTION 1

In expending funds received by the County through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the County shall use its best efforts to purchase materials, goods and services that are American-made, whenever and wherever possible.

SECTION 2

All bid packets or requests for proposals distributed to potential bidders or vendors for any and all projects and programs funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 shall include the following notation:

SECTION 2 (cont'd.)

“THE COUNTY OF SUMMIT SUPPORTS THE PURCHASE OF AMERICAN-MADE MATERIALS, GOODS AND SERVICES FOR ALL PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS, INCLUDING THE PROJECT OR PROGRAM SET FORTH HEREIN, THAT ARE FUNDED BY THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009. ANY ENTITY SUBMITTING A BID OR QUOTE FOR THIS PROJECT OR PROGRAM IS ENCOURAGED TO USE AMERICAN-MADE MATERIALS, GOODS AND SERVICES, WHENEVER AND WHEREVER POSSIBLE.”

SECTION 3

This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately declare the County's support for and commitment to the expenditure of ARRA funds for American-made materials, goods and services.

SECTION 4

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

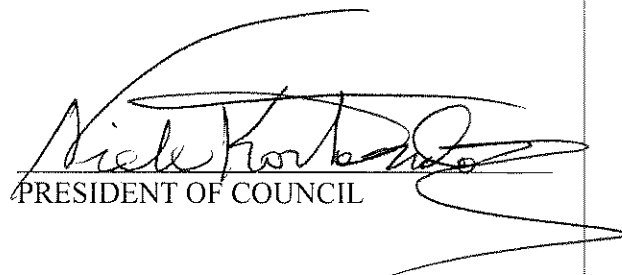
SECTION 5

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

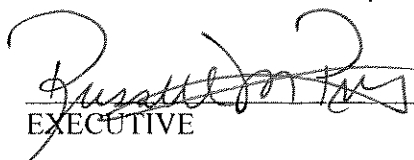
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CLERK OF COUNCIL


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED March 16, 2009


EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE March 16, 2009

Voice Vote: 11-0 YES: Crossland, Schmidt, Comunale, Poda, Prentice Smith, Crawford, Feeman, Rodgers, Shapiro, Kostandaras