

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-036

SPONSOR Mr. Pry, Mr. Poda & Mr. Kostandaras

DATE March 2, 2009

COMMITTEE Personnel

A Resolution supporting the Cuyahoga River Community Planning Organization's proclamation of 2009 as "The Year of the River" for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, two great rivers, the Cuyahoga and the Tuscarawas, run through the County of Summit; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga River in particular is not only at the center of the history, culture, commerce, industry, recreation and environment of Northeast Ohio, but is a symbol of the region, providing a connection between Northeast Ohio's rural, urban, agricultural and industrial areas; and

WHEREAS, nearly a quarter million people in the Akron area receive their drinking water directly from the Cuyahoga River, while many more in Northeast Ohio receive their drinking water from Lake Erie, which is fed by the Cuyahoga; and

WHEREAS, the fire that started on the Cuyahoga River on June 22, 1969 focused America's attention on the cost of decades of pollution on water quality, leading to the passage of the Clean Water Act and the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency and sparked an environmental movement that is more active today than ever; and

WHEREAS, although remarkable progress has been made in restoring the Cuyahoga River, such as improving water quality, increasing fish population and increasing the health of the river's streams, much work remains to be done; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the commitment of Northeast Ohio to continue the important work of improving the Cuyahoga River watershed, the Cuyahoga River Community Planning Organization has proclaimed 2009, the 40th anniversary of the fire on the Cuyahoga, "The Year of the River;" 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 support the declaration of 2009 as "The Year of the River;"

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

SECTION 1

This Council and the County Executive hereby support the Cuyahoga River Community Planning Organization's proclamation of 2009 as "The Year of the River," and encourage all Summit County residents to continue community efforts to preserve and protect the Cuyahoga and Tuscarawas Rivers.

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SECTION 2

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 support 2009 as "The Year of the River."

SECTION 3

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 4

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.

INTRODUCED February 9, 2009

ADOPTED March 2, 2009


CLERK OF COUNCIL


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED March 2, 2009


EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE March 2, 2009

Voice Vote: 10-0 YES: Crossland, Schmidt, Comunale, Poda, Smith
Crawford, Feeman, Rodgers, Shapiro, Kostandaras ABSENT: Prentice