

1 RESOLUTION NO 2015-363

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

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5 DATE August 31, 2015 COMMITTEE Committee of the Whole

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7 **A Resolution declaring the County of Summit to be an immigrant-friendly, welcoming**
8 **County, supporting the County's participation in the Welcoming Cities and Counties**
9 **Project and WE Global Network and authorizing the County Executive to execute all**
10 **necessary documents to participate in said project, for the Executive and Council, and**
11 **declaring an emergency.**

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13 WHEREAS, the County of Summit wishes to enable economic development, facilitate
14 the integration of immigrant populations into Summit County, retain talent, attract international
15 investment, educate and inform the existing community about their immigrant neighbors, and
16 support the immigrant community in reaching its full potential; and

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18 WHEREAS, immigrants add civic, cultural, and economic value to communities they
19 adopt as their new homes, and are also prospective entrepreneurs who start businesses, create
20 jobs, complement the skills of the native US workforce, produce greater demand for existing
21 businesses and services, and help revitalize declining neighborhoods; and

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23 WHEREAS, the County recognizes that a welcoming community is more likely to thrive,
24 and wishes to unite with a cohort of cities and counties around the country that have pledged to
25 become more immigrant-friendly by joining the Welcoming Cities and Counties Project and the
26 WE Global Network for the Great Lakes region; and

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28 WHEREAS, on April 27, 2015, the City of Akron passed a resolution declaring the City
29 to be a Welcoming City and this Council would like to join the City in their endeavor by
30 declaring the entire county as a Welcoming County; and

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32 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
33 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to declare Summit County to be an
34 immigrant-friendly, welcoming County, support the County's participation in the Welcoming
35 Cities and Counties Project and WE Global Network and authorize the County Executive to
36 execute all necessary documents to participate in said project.

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

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41 SECTION 1

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43 County Council hereby declares the County of Summit to be an immigrant-friendly,
44 welcoming County, and announces its support of the County's participation in the Welcoming
45 Cities and Counties Project and WE Global Network.

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47 SECTION 2

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49 The County Executive is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents to
50 participate in said project.

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4 SECTION 3

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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 of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of immediately
8 applying for said project before the beginning of the project's Welcoming Week 2015 to be held
9 the week of September 12, 2015.

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11 SECTION 4

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

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17 SECTION 5

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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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26 INTRODUCED August 17, 2015

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28 ADOPTED August 31, 2015

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33 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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38 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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40 APPROVED September 1, 2015

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49 ENACTED EFFECTIVE

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