

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2010-391

**First Reading Passage Requested**

2 P.Prentice

3 SPONSOR Mrs. Prentice and Mr. Pry & Council of the Whole

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5 DATE September 13, 2010

COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution in support of the month of September 2010 as National Childhood Obesity**  
8 **Awareness Month and encouraging the residents of Summit County to participate in any**  
9 **events and programs offered by the schools, libraries and political subdivisions within the**  
10 **County that promote awareness of childhood obesity, for the County of Summit Council**  
11 **and the County Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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13 WHEREAS; in 2010, the U.S. Senate passed S. Res. 412, which designates the month of  
14 September 2010 as National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month in order to bring national  
15 attention to a growing epidemic among youth in the United States; and

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17 WHEREAS, during the past 4 decades, obesity rates have soared among all age groups,  
18 increasing more than four-fold among children ages 6 to 11; and

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20 WHEREAS, 31.8 percent or 23,000,000 children and teenagers ages 2 to 19 are obese or  
21 overweight, a statistic that health and medical experts consider an epidemic; and

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23 WHEREAS, significant disparities exist among the obesity rates of children based on  
24 race and poverty; and

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26 WHEREAS, the financial implications of childhood obesity pose a tremendous financial  
27 threat to our economy and health care system, carrying up to \$14,000,000,000. per year in direct  
28 health care cost, with people in the United States spending about 9 percent of their total medical  
29 costs on obesity-related illnesses; and

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31 WHEREAS, obese young people have an 80 percent chance of being obese adults and are  
32 more likely than children of normal weight to become overweight or obese adults and therefore  
33 more at risk for associated adult health problems, including heart disease, type 2 diabetes, sleep  
34 apnea, stroke, several types of cancer and osteoarthritis; and

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36 WHEREAS, in part due to the childhood obesity epidemic, 1 in 3 children and nearly 1  
37 in 2 minority children born in the year 2000 will develop type 2 diabetes at some point in their  
38 lifetime if current trends continue; and

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40 WHEREAS, some consequences of childhood and adolescent obesity are psychosocial  
41 and obese children and adolescents are targets of early and systematic social discrimination,  
42 leading to low self-esteem which, in turn, can hinder academic and social functioning and persist  
43 into adulthood; and

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45 WHEREAS, participating in physical activity is important for children and teens as it  
46 may have beneficial effects not only on body weight, but also on blood pressure and bone  
47 strength; and

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49 WHEREAS, proper nutrition is important for children before birth and through their life-  
50 span as nutrition has beneficial effects for health and body weight and is key in the prevention of  
51 various chronic diseases; and

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4 WHEREAS, childhood obesity is preventable yet does not appear to be declining; and

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6 WHEREAS, public, community based and private sector organizations and individuals  
7 throughout the United States, including the First Lady Obama, are working to decrease  
8 childhood obesity rates for people in the United States of all races through a range of efforts,  
9 including educational presentations, media campaigns, websites, policies, healthier food options  
10 and greater opportunities for physical activity; and

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12 WHEREAS, this Council has determined, after reviewing all pertinent information, that it  
13 is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to support National Childhood  
14 Obesity Awareness Month and to encourage all residents of Summit County to participate in  
15 events and programs within the County promoting awareness of childhood obesity;

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

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20 SECTION 1

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22 In support of the month of September 2010 as National Childhood Obesity Awareness  
23 Month, the residents of Summit County are hereby encouraged to participate in any events and  
24 programs offered by the schools, libraries and political subdivisions within the County that  
25 promote awareness of childhood obesity.

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27 SECTION 2

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29 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
30 welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of immediately  
31 supporting the month of September 2010 as National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month.

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33 SECTION 3

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

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39 SECTION 4

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41 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating  
42 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all  
43 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,  
44 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section  
45 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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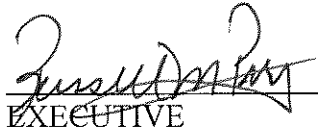
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13 CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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16 APPROVED September 14, 2010

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20 EXECUTIVE

September 14, 2010  
ENACTED EFFECTIVE

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