

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2012-031

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3 SPONSOR Mr. Pry and Council of the Whole

4
5 DATE February 13, 2012 COMMITTEE Planning

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7 **A Resolution endorsing and supporting the Summit Food Policy Coalition's Summit**
8 **County Food Charter and encouraging other communities in Summit County to do the**
9 **same, for the Executive's Department of Community and Economic Development, and**
10 **declaring an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, Summit County is home to an economically vibrant local and regional food
13 industry that permits all residents to obtain and prepare nutritious local food; and

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15 WHEREAS, the Summit Food Policy Coalition is a local organization dedicated to
16 improving healthy food access for all Summit County residents and spurring economic
17 opportunities for existing and beginning farmers; and

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19 WHEREAS, in 2011, the Summit Food Policy Coalition and several other local
20 organizations held the Growing Hope Food Summit in Summit County to "create a shared
21 awareness of our local food system and its gaps, launch a movement to increase access to healthy
22 food, explore ways to strengthen the local food economy and connect and begin to empower
23 Summit County residents to act collectively;" and

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25 WHEREAS, to accomplish its mission and the mission of the Growing Hope Food
26 Summit, the Summit Food Policy Coalition has developed a Summit County Food Charter aimed
27 at guiding individual and community actions for the support of a local food and regional food
28 industry; and

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30 WHEREAS, the Summit Food Policy Coalition has asked this Council to endorse and
31 support the Summit County Food Charter, and will ask other local governments in Summit
32 County to do the same, in order to spur action among governments, businesses and residents in
33 Summit County to support and grow the local and regional food industry; and

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35 WHEREAS, a healthy and vibrant local and regional food industry is important to the
36 economic health, environmental health and the health of the residents of Summit County and
37 northeast Ohio; and

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39 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
40 that it is necessary and in the best interest of this Council to endorse and support the Summit
41 Food Policy Coalition's Summit County Food Charter;

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43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County of the County of Summit, State
44 of Ohio, that:
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4 SECTION 1

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6 This Council hereby endorses and supports the Summit Food Policy Coalition's Summit
7 County Food Charter, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and incorporated herein
8 by reference, and commits to take all reasonable steps to fulfill the initiatives set forth in the
9 same. This Council further authorizes the Executive to take any steps necessary to more
10 formally endorse the Summit County Food Charter, including, but not limited to, executing the
11 same on behalf of the County.

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13 SECTION 2

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15 All other communities in Summit County are hereby encouraged to endorse and support
16 the Summit County Food Charter within their individual communities and to take all reasonable
17 steps to fulfill the initiatives set forth in the same.

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19 SECTION 3

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21 This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency in the interest of the health, safety
22 and welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit and for the further reason that it is necessary
23 to immediately endorse and support the Summit County Food Charter so that the same can be
24 presented and endorsed by other Summit County communities as expeditiously as possible.

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26 SECTION 4

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

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32 SECTION 5

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34 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
35 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
36 deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in
37 meetings open to the public, in compliance with legal requirements, including Section 121 .22 of
38 the Ohio Revised Code.

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40 INTRODUCED January 30, 2012

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42 ADOPTED February 13, 2012

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45 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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48 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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50 APPROVED February 14, 2012


EXECUTIVE

February 14, 2012

ENACTED EFFECTIVE

Voice Vote: 9-0 Yes:Comunale, Crawford, Feeman, Kostandaras
Kurt, Lee, Rodgers, Roemer, Schmidt. Absent: Prentice, Shapiro