

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2012-215

First Reading Passage Requested

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3 SPONSOR Mr. Pry and Council of the Whole

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5 DATE June 4, 2012

COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution declaring Friday, June 15, 2012 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day and**  
8 **encouraging the residents of Summit County to participate in any events and programs**  
9 **offered by the communities, libraries, schools, governments and private-sector**  
10 **organizations that are designed to raise awareness of the abuse of older persons, for the**  
11 **Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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13 WHEREAS, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was launched on June 15, 2006 by the  
14 International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization at  
15 the United Nations to raise awareness of the problem of elder abuse and the resources available  
16 for the protection of seniors; and

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18 WHEREAS, in February 2012, H.B. 215 was adopted, thereby naming June 15 as “Elder  
19 Abuse Awareness Day” in Ohio; and

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21 WHEREAS, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, has signed a proclamation to  
22 promote local awareness and a call to action for all Ohioans to protect our seniors by creating  
23 safe and caring communities; and

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25 WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services has encouraged all adult  
26 protective services professionals and advocates to “Wear Purple to Work” on June 15 and take a  
27 stance against elder abuse; and

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29 WHEREAS, the County Executive and the County Council are committed to working  
30 together to ensure that the seniors residing in Summit County live safely and with dignity, free  
31 from any type of elder abuse, and are further committed to raising public awareness of elder  
32 abuse and the services available for the protection of seniors; and

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34 WHEREAS, locally, the Senior Independent Living Coalition (SILC), an initiative of the  
35 Summit 2020: A Quality of Life Project, has placed the emphasis of its purpose on reducing the  
36 incidence of elder abuse/neglect and maintaining senior health; and

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38 WHEREAS, elder abuse includes physical abuse, emotional abuse, neglect, and financial  
39 exploitation that may lead to harm and may even result in the death of seniors; and

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41 WHEREAS, elder abuse affects seniors of all socio-economic groups, cultures, and races,  
42 and occurs across the world, nation and state, in institutional settings, and in their homes and is  
43 committed by both caregivers and family members who seniors rely on for care; and

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45 WHEREAS, research indicates that even though more than one in ten seniors may  
46 experience some type of abuse, only one in five of these incidences are ever discovered and/or  
47 reported; and

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

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4 SECTION 1

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6 The Summit County Council hereby declares Friday, June 15, 2012 as Elder Abuse  
7 Awareness Day and encourages all the residents of the County to participate in any events and  
8 programs offered by the communities, libraries, schools, governments and private-sector  
9 institutions of the County in observance of this day.

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11 SECTION 2

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13 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
14 welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of immediately  
15 declaring support of Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Summit County prior to the commencement  
16 of said day.

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18 SECTION 3

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20 The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to distribute this Resolution to all political sub-  
21 divisions within the County of Summit.

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23 SECTION 4

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

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29 SECTION 5

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31 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating  
32 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all  
33 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,  
34 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section  
35 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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37 INTRODUCED June 4, 2012

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39 ADOPTED June 4, 2012

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43 CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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46 APPROVED June 5, 2012

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50 EXECUTIVE

June 5, 2012  
ENACTED EFFECTIVE

Voice Vote: 11-0. YES: Komunale, Crawford, Feeman, Kostandaras  
Kurt, Lee, Prentice, Rodgers, Roemer, Schmidt, Shapiro