

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2017-059

Late Filing
First Reading Passage Requested

2
3
4 SPONSORS Ms. Shapiro, Mr. Schmidt, Ms. Walters, Mr. Feeman, Mrs. Prentice,
5 Mr. Dickinson, Mr. Wilhite, Mr. Donofrio, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Crawford

6
7 DATE January 30, 2017 COMMITTEE Committee of the Whole

8
9 **A Resolution opposing President Donald Trump's Executive Order signed on January 27th,**
10 **2017 that substantially limits immigration and refugee resettlement within the United**
11 **States, and reaffirming that Summit County is an immigrant-friendly and welcoming**
12 **County, for the Council and Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

13
14 WHEREAS, President Donald Trump's Executive Order signed on January 27, 2017
15 suspended entry of all refugees to the United States for 120 days, barred Syrian refugees
16 indefinitely, and blocked entry into the United States for 90 days of citizens of seven
17 predominantly Muslim countries: Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen ; and

18
19 WHEREAS, Summit County Council passed Resolution 2015-363 on September 1, 2015,
20 declaring the County to be an immigrant-friendly, and welcoming County, and supporting the
21 County's participation in the Welcoming Cities and Counties Project; and

22
23 WHEREAS, Summit County has always supported the resettling of refugee and
24 immigrant populations, and had originally committed to accept 700 refugees in federal fiscal
25 year 2017 before the signing of the aforementioned executive order; and

26
27 WHEREAS, Summit County recognizes the positive impact immigrants and refugees
28 have in our community, including starting businesses that create local jobs, participating in key
29 industries in the labor force, paying taxes and contributing to consumer spending, and increasing
30 housing values; and

31
32 WHEREAS, a 2013 study showed that immigrants and refugees represent \$137 million in
33 spending power in our community, contribute \$17 million in state and local taxes, and more than
34 \$22 million dollars to Social Security and Medicare each year; and

35
36 WHEREAS, President Trump's Executive Order has been met with bipartisan opposition,
37 including opposition from Governor John Kasich and Senators Rob Portman and Sherrod Brown;
38 and

39
40 WHEREAS, Governor Kasich has called for a "more thoughtful approach consistent with
41 our values," Senator Brown has said that the targeting of refugees is "wrong, will not make
42 America safer, and may actually undermine our long-term security," and Senator Portman has
43 said that "we are more welcoming than any country in the world and we should continue to be
44 so;" and

45
46 WHEREAS, several organizations and individuals have filed lawsuits against the federal
47 government in order to prevent discrimination against the immigrant and refugee populations
48 attempting to enter the United States; and

49
50 WHEREAS, the Executive Order fails to reflect an understanding that refugees are the
51 victims of social, religious, and economic persecution in their own country and are left with no
52 choice but to flee their country for their own safety; and

3
4 WHEREAS, the Executive Order's poor wording and construction has caused numerous
5 issues for legally documented aliens that are contributing members of our society, including
6 those who are employed or learning in the United States, and are attempting to legally re-enter
7 the country following travel; and

8
9 WHEREAS, several businesses and business owners have decried the Executive Order as
10 being bad for business and their concern for the economic impact of the Executive Order; and

11
12 WHEREAS this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
13 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to express its opposition to
14 aforementioned Executive Order and reaffirm that Summit County is an immigrant-friendly and
15 welcoming County;

16
17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State
18 of Ohio, that:

19
20 SECTION 1

21
22 This Council and the County Executive oppose President Donald Trump's Executive
23 Order signed on January 27th, 2017 that would substantially limit immigration and refugee
24 resettlement in the United States and reaffirm that Summit County is an immigrant-friendly, and
25 welcoming County.

26
27 SECTION 2

28
29 The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to President
30 Donald Trump, U.S. Senators Sherrod Brown and Rob Portman, and all members of the U.S.
31 House of Representatives representing a portion of Summit County.

32
33 SECTION 3

34
35 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and
36 welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of immediately
37 opposing the aforementioned Executive Order and reaffirming that the County is an immigrant-
38 friendly and welcoming County.

39
40 SECTION 4

41
42 Provided this Resolution received the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take
43 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take
44 effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.

45
46 SECTION 5

47
48 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
49 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
50 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
51 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
52 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

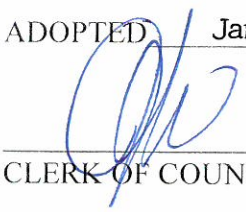
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-059

PAGE THREE

INTRODUCED January 30, 2017

ADOPTED January 30, 2017

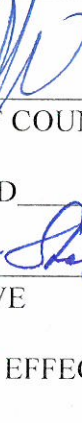


CLERK OF COUNCIL



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED January 31, 2017



EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE January 31, 2017

Voice Vote: YES 9-2 Crawford, Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman, Hamilton,
Prentice, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite
NO: Koehler, Rodgers