

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2017-135

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2 SPONSOR Ms. Shapiro

3 DATE April 17, 2017

COMMITTEE Planning

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7 **A Resolution supporting Ohio Senate Bill 128 which establishes the Zero-Emissions**
8 **Nuclear Resource ("ZEN") program, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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10 WHEREAS, the Zero-Emission Nuclear Resource ("ZEN") Program recognizes the
11 critical contributions of nuclear power plants in Ohio by compensating them on a per-megawatt
12 basis for the unique value that they offer the state; and

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14 WHEREAS, Ohio Senate Bill 128 was introduced to the Ohio Senate with the explicit
15 purpose of creating a ZEN Program in Ohio to assist with the continuance of nuclear power in
16 Ohio; and

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18 WHEREAS, over 3,600 full-time jobs are a direct result of the state's nuclear power
19 plants, over \$24 million in state and local tax revenues, and \$521 million to the annual state
20 gross domestic product are due to Ohio's nuclear power plants; and

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22 WHEREAS, for every dollar spent on the operation of a nuclear facility, an additional
23 \$1.04 is created for the local community, and Ohio's plants contribute \$521 million to Ohio's
24 gross annual domestic product; and

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26 WHEREAS, nuclear power plants in Ohio face an uncertain future without the passage of
27 Ohio Senate Bill 128 and the creation of the ZEN Program; and

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29 WHEREAS, this Council supports the critical economic, environmental, fuel diversity
30 and other benefits that are offered by nuclear power plants; and

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32 WHEREAS, FirstEnergy Corp., which is headquartered in, and employs 2,468 people in,
33 Summit County owns and operates two nuclear power plants in Ohio, and the ZEN legislation is
34 critical for the ongoing financial health and stability of FirstEnergy; and

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36 WHEREAS this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
37 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to support Ohio Senate Bill
38 128 and urging the General Assembly and Governor to approve this legislation;

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

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43 SECTION 1

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45 The County of Summit hereby supports the passage of Ohio Senate Bill 128 and urges
46 the General Assembly and Governor to approve this legislation.

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48 SECTION 2

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50 The Clerk of Council is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Ohio General
51 Assembly Delegation of Summit County, the Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives, the
52 President of the Ohio Senate and to Governor Kasich.

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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 reason that it is necessary to
8 immediately support the passage of Ohio Senate Bill 128 and urge its timely passage by the Ohio
9 General Assembly and Governor.

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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 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.

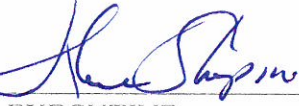
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