

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2017-138

First Reading Passage Requested
(J. Dodson)

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4 SPONSORS Ms. Shapiro, Mr. Schmidt, Mrs. Prentice, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Dickinson,
5 Council of the Whole

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7 DATE April 17, 2017 COMMITTEE Committee of the Whole

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9 **A Resolution declaring the County of Summit as being an “Autism Friendly” community,**
10 **as defined by the Autism Society of Greater Akron, for the Executive, and declaring an**
11 **emergency.**

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13 WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder (“ASD”) is the fastest growing developmental
14 disability in the United States where over 3.5 million people live with autism as a life-long
15 disorder; and

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17 WHEREAS, in the 1970’s, the United States Congress worked with the Autism Society
18 of America to declare April as National Autism Awareness Month; and

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20 WHEREAS, the County of Summit embraces neurodiversity as something that enriches
21 all aspects of a community’s life, including education, housing, cultural, and business
22 opportunities; and

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24 WHEREAS, this Council believes that these aspects of a community’s life also enhance
25 economic strengths by accepting and reflecting the uniqueness of all of its citizens and treating
26 everyone with respect and dignity; and

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28 WHEREAS, this Council recognizes the work of the Autism Society of Greater Akron
29 and encourages all governmental agencies, corporations, organization, businesses, schools,
30 public agencies, and others to join in being trained to learn about the characteristics of autism
31 and how best to support and interact with someone with an Autism Spectrum Disorder; and

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33 WHEREAS this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
34 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to declare the County of
35 Summit as being an “Autism Friendly” community;

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

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40 SECTION 1

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42 The County of Summit is hereby declared an “Autism Friendly” community as defined
43 by the Autism Society of Greater Akron.
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4 SECTION 2

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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 necessary to
8 immediately declare that the County is an "Autism Friendly" community and urge all of its
9 residents to join in supporting everyone with an Autism Spectrum Disorder.

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11 SECTION 3

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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 4

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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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26 INTRODUCED April 17, 2017

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28 ADOPTED April 17, 2017

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ENACTED EFFECTIVE April 18, 2017



CLERK OF COUNCIL



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED April 18, 2017

Voice Vote: 11-0 YES: Crawford, Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman, Hamilton, Koehler, Prentice, Rodgers, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite