

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2017-217

First Reading Passage Requested
(J. Dodson)

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3 SPONSOR Ms. Shapiro

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5 DATE June 5, 2017

COMMITTEE Committee of the Whole

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7 **A Resolution opposing the amendment to Ohio House Bill 49 which imposes the threat of**
8 **oil and gas drilling on Metro Parks, county parks, and city parks across the State of Ohio,**
9 **for the Executive and Council, and declaring an emergency.**

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11 WHEREAS, currently, the Ohio Division of Natural Resources has the authority to force
12 property owners to give land to complete the required number of acreage for a drilling unit; and

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14 WHEREAS, an amendment to Ohio House Bill 49 has granted an exception to State
15 parks and state nature preserves, thus prohibiting them from being compelled to lease land to
16 complete the required acreage for a drilling unit, while at the same time not granting this
17 exception to Metro Parks, county parks, or city parks; and

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19 WHEREAS, the absence of this exception being granted to Metro Parks, county parks, or
20 city parks, leaves these entities under to threat of being compelled to lease land for the drilling of
21 oil and gas without consent or process; and

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23 WHEREAS, this Council believes that every resident of Summit County has the right to
24 enjoy public parks without the negative environmental impact that oil and gas drilling impose
25 without consent or process; and

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27 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
28 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to oppose the passage of
29 Ohio House Bill 49, which imposes the threat of oil and gas drilling on Metro Parks, county
30 parks, and city parks.

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

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35 SECTION 1

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37 This Council opposes the amendment to Ohio House Bill 49, which imposes the threat of
38 oil and gas drilling on Metro Parks, county parks, and city parks across the state.

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40 SECTION 2

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42 The Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this
43 Resolution to the Governor of Ohio and to the Summit County delegation of the Ohio General
44 Assembly.

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46 SECTION 3

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48 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
49 welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of immediately
50 expressing opposition to the passage Ohio House Bill 49 with the aforementioned amendment
51 before it is voted on in the Ohio State Senate.
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4 SECTION 4

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

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11 SECTION 5

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13 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
14 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
15 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
16 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
17 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Codes.

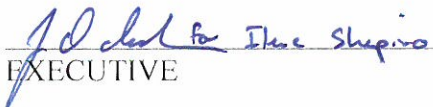
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26 CLERK OF COUNCIL


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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28 APPROVED June 6, 2017

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34 ENACTED EFFECTIVE June 6, 2017

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