

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2017-288

First Reading Passage Requested  
(J. Dodson)

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4 SPONSORS Ms. Shapiro, Mrs. Prentice, Mr. Crawford and Council of the Whole

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6 DATE August 7, 2017

COMMITTEE Committee of the Whole

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8 **A Resolution declaring the month of August 2017 Kids Month in Summit County and**  
9 **encouraging the citizens of Summit County to join in this acknowledgement, for the**  
10 **Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, we recognize the importance of early childhood care, education, health,  
13 behavioral health, family support, special needs and early intervention; and

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15 WHEREAS, by ensuring good beginnings through early learning we are investing in the  
16 future prosperity of our community, because high quality, early childhood education is a critical  
17 component of K-12 success and is instrumental in cultivating a skilled workforce; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Summit For Kids Expo connects families with businesses, organizations  
20 and agencies that focus on children's programming, health, education, activities, and  
21 entertainment; and

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23 WHEREAS, health and wellness programs strive to ensure that comprehensive physical  
24 and mental health need of children in Summit County are being addressed; and

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26 WHEREAS, promotion and implementation of strategies through the Safe Routes to  
27 Schools Program, Cribs for Kids, Safe Sitters, use of car seats and bike helmets to reduce  
28 preventable injury to children; and

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30 WHEREAS, we are committed to reducing infant mortality in Summit County, because  
31 Ohio has the 11<sup>th</sup> worst infant mortality rate in the nation and infant deaths in the African  
32 American community in Summit County are at least double the rate of the white population;

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34 WHEREAS, through the leadership of the First Things First Initiative, we can make a  
35 difference in the quality of life, health, well-being and education of children in Summit County;  
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38 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,  
39 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to declare August 2017 as  
40 Kids Month in Summit County and to encourage the citizens of Summit County to join in this  
41 acknowledgement;

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

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46 SECTION 1

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48 The month of August 2017 is hereby declared Kids Month in Summit County and the  
49 citizens of Summit County are hereby encouraged to join in this acknowledgement.

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51 Week 1: New Beginnings Week is focused on the educational need for children  
52 ages 0-5.  
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Voice Vote: 11-0 YES: Crawford, Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman, Hamilton, Koehler, Prentice, Rodgers, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

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4 SECTION 1 (cont.)

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6 Week 2: Health and Wellness Week will cover comprehensive child wellness  
7 which includes mental health, physical health, lead screenings, diet,  
8 exercise and oral health.

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10 Week 3: Family Week emphasizes activities and events that are geared toward  
11 family engagement such as Father involvement, healthy life course model,  
12 family planning and community services.

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14 Week 4: Child Safety Week will encourage the uses of the Safe Routes to School  
15 program, car seat safety and share information from Safe Kids Summit  
16 County.

17 SECTION 2

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19 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
20 welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit, and for the further reason of immediately  
21 declaring August 2017 as Kids Month in Summit County.

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23 SECTION 3

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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 time provided by law.

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29 SECTION 4

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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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38 INTRODUCED August 7, 2017

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40 ADOPTED August 7, 2017

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43 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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46 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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48 APPROVED August 8, 2017

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50 EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE August 8, 2017