RESOLUTION NO. 2017-368		
SPONSOR Ms. Shapiro		
DATE September 25, 2017 COMMITTEE Planning		
A Resolution authorizing the County Executive to execute an updated Summit County Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding for Job Creation and Retention and Tax Revenue Sharing and encouraging communities throughout Summit County to sign the same, for the Executive's Department of Community and Economic Development, and declaring an emergency.		
WHEREAS, job losses result in social and human costs which can be a significant burden to the area, the region and the state; and		
WHEREAS, the County and communities throughout the County recognize that it is imperative to cooperate and collaborate with each other for the economic benefit of the region and its resident taxpayers in order to attract and retain businesses and jobs; and		
WHEREAS, there are many current and prospective employers who desire to remain or locate in the County; and		
WHEREAS, the County and communities further recognize that cooperation is necessary for regional prosperity and enhancement of the local tax base and to successfully compete in global markets; and		
WHEREAS, the County works with employers, perspective employers and individual communities within the County to provide tax and other incentives for purposes of retaining and locating prospective employers and facilities in communities within the County; and		
WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 2008-416, County Council authorized the County Executive to execute the Summit County Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding for Job Creation and Retention and Tax Revenue Sharing ("MOU") for the purposes of discouraging the offering of financial incentives to induce a business to relocate from one County community to another, providing for revenue sharing between signatory communities in the event certain businesses relocate, and to provide certain economic development grant scoring incentives to signatory communities, and the same was subsequently signed by the Executive; and		
WHEREAS, following the approval of County Council in 2008, several communities in the County have subsequently become signatory communities to the MOU; and		
WHEREAS, the MOU does not have any adverse impact on a business or company's decision to locate or relocate within the County but merely addresses the relationship of		

WHEREAS, the MOU contains a provision that the signatory communities will annually review the document and make changes to the document that they collectively determine to be necessary; and

government bodies that may be affected by those independent business decisions; and

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WHEREAS, in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014 and 2015, County Council approved the annual revisions to the MOU pursuant to Resolution No.'s 2010-111, 2011-167, 2012-184, 2014-415 and 2015-315, respectively and the pending revisions are the first ones since that time; and

WHEREAS, the communities have performed said review and have collectively recommended changes to the MOU, most notably to add language restricting the use of income tax-based grant/rebate incentives; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information, that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to authorize the Executive to execute the updated Summit County Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding for Job Creation and Retention and Tax Revenue Sharing which contains the aforementioned collective changes, and to encourage communities throughout Summit County to execute the same;

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

### SECTION 1

The County Executive is hereby authorized to execute the updated Summit County Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding for Job Creation and Retention and Tax Revenue Sharing on behalf of the County of Summit. The County Executive is hereby authorized to execute said Memorandum of Understanding in substantially the form attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A.

#### **SECTION 2**

All communities throughout Summit County are hereby encouraged to execute the Summit County Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding for Job Creation and Retention and Tax Revenue Sharing.

# **SECTION 3**

This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately authorize the County Executive to execute the Summit County Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding for Job Creation and Retention and Tax Revenue Sharing and allow the Memorandum of Understanding to be executed by participating communities prior to the September 29, 2017 deadline to do so.

### **SECTION 4**

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

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## **SECTION 5**

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

INTRODUCED September 11, 2017

ADOPTED / September 25, 2017

CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED September 26, 2017

**EXECUTIVE** 

ENACTED EFFECTIVE September 26, 2017

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