

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2017-397

First Reading Passage Requested
(J. Dodson)

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3 SPONSOR Ms. Shapiro and Council of the Whole

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5 DATE September 25, 2017

COMMITTEE Committee of the Whole

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7 **A Resolution supporting County Issue 3, which will approve a 4.5 mill renewal levy for**
8 **County of Summit Developmental Disabilities (“Summit DD”) for a six-year period from**
9 **2019 to 2024, and respectfully urging all Summit County voters to vote in favor of Issue 3**
10 **at the November 7, 2017 General Election, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, in 2005, Summit County voters approved a 4.5 mill levy request to generate
13 funds for Summit DD which supports services for eligible individuals with developmental
14 disabilities throughout their entire lifetime; and

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16 WHEREAS, the levy approved in 2011 is set to expire on December 31, 2018; and

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18 WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 2017-188, this Council declared it necessary to
19 submit to the voters of the County the question of whether to renew the 4.5 mill levy for an
20 additional six-year period from 2019 to 2024 for Summit DD operations; and

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22 WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 2017-239, this Council placed the question of
23 whether to renew the tax levy for Summit DD before the voters of Summit County at the
24 November 7, 2017 election; and

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26 WHEREAS, the proposed 4.5 mill tax levy for Summit DD is a renewal of an existing
27 tax, and is not a new tax in these difficult economic times; and

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29 WHEREAS, developmental disabilities affect individuals of all economic, social and
30 ethnic groups in our community; and

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32 WHEREAS, Summit DD provides valuable services to our community and to those in
33 need, including but not limited to: provided 2,060 adults with facility and community-based day
34 programs, 1,776 adults with residential supports, 1,000 children with early intervention services,
35 and 1,000 children and teens with service coordination, with a total number of 5,528 individuals
36 supports by Summit DD programming; and

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38 WHEREAS, the 4.5 mill renewal levy for Summit DD has been placed on the ballot as
39 Issue 3; and

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41 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines that it is necessary and in the best interest
42 of the County to support Issue 3 at the November 7 General Election, 2017 ballot, which will
43 approve a 4.5 mill renewal levy for Summit DD, and urging the voters of Summit County to
44 approve Issue 3;

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46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the County of Summit,
47 State of Ohio, that:
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4 SECTION 1

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6 This Council hereby expresses its support of County Issue 3, which will approve a 4.5
7 mill renewal levy for County of Summit Developmental Disabilities ("Summit DD") for a six-
8 year period from 2019 to 2024. Furthermore, this Council respectfully urges all Summit County
9 voters to vote in favor of Issue 3 at the November 7, 2017 General Election.

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11 SECTION 2

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13 This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency in the interest of the health, safety
14 and welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit and for the further reason that it is necessary
15 to immediately announce the support of this Council prior to the election on November 7, 2017.

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17 SECTION 3

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

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23 SECTION 4

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

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31 INTRODUCED September 25, 2017

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33 ADOPTED September 25, 2017

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37 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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43 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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45 APPROVED September 26, 2017

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47 EXECUTIVE

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49 ENACTED EFFECTIVE September 26, 2017

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