

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2016-189

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3 SPONSOR Ms. Prentice, Mr. Pry Mr. Kostandaras, Ms. Walters, Mr. Crawford, Mr.
4 Donofrio, Ms. Shapiro, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Wilhite, Mr. Feeman

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6 DATE May 23, 2016 COMMITTEE Human Services

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8 **A Resolution opposing the Healthy Ohio plan, which would add monthly premiums for**
9 **recipients of Medicaid in order to continue to receive their healthcare benefits, for the**
10 **Council, and declaring an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, this Council applauds the recent expansion of Medicaid benefits in the State
13 of Ohio that has an additional 673,000 people with health care in the State of Ohio; and

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15 WHEREAS, Governor Kasich, through his Healthy Ohio plan, is seeking federal
16 approval of assessing new monthly premiums for non-disabled recipients of Medicaid to
17 continue receiving their benefits; and

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19 WHEREAS, these additional fees would negatively impact over 1.3 million current
20 recipients of Medicaid, many of which are foster children, women with cancer, or other
21 vulnerable Medicaid beneficiaries; and

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23 WHEREAS, many recipients of Medicaid will be unable to pay these additional fees that
24 would be required thereby effectively guaranteeing the loss of Medicaid benefits to those who
25 need them; and

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27 WHEREAS, the loss of benefits would erode the progress made to cover the uninsured
28 citizens of Ohio that was made through the expansion of Medicaid benefits; and

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30 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
31 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to oppose the Healthy Ohio
32 plan which would add monthly premiums for recipients of Medicaid to continue to receive their
33 benefits.

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

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38 SECTION 1

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40 This Council opposes the Healthy Ohio plan which would add monthly premiums for
41 recipients of Medicaid to continue to receive their benefits.

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43 SECTION 2

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45 The Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this
46 Resolution to the Summit County delegation of the Ohio House of Representatives, the Ohio
47 Senate, Governor Kasich's Office, and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
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5 SECTION 3

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7 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
8 welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of immediately
9 expressing opposition to these premiums.

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11 SECTION 4

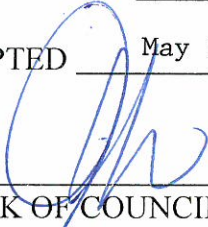
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13 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take
14 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take
15 effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.

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18 SECTION 5

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20 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
21 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
22 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
23 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
24 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Codes.

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27 INTRODUCED May 9, 2016

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29 ADOPTED May 23, 2016

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34 CLERK OF COUNCIL


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36 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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38 APPROVED May 24, 2016

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EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE May 24, 2016

Voice Vote: 8-1 YES: Crawford, Donofrio, Feeman, Kostandaras,
Schmidt, Shapiro, Walters, Wilhite
NO: Rodgers
ABSENT: Lee, Prentice