

1 RESOLUTION NO 2016-217

**First Reading Passage Requested**  
**(J. Dodson)**

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3 SPONSOR Mr. Pry & Council of the Whole

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5 DATE June 13, 2016

COMMITTEE Committee of the Whole

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7 **A Resolution declaring Wednesday, June 15, 2016 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day and**  
8 **encouraging the residents of Summit County to participate in any events and programs**  
9 **offered by the communities, libraries, schools, governments and private-sector**  
10 **organizations that are designed to raise awareness of the abuse of older persons, for the**  
11 **Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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13 WHEREAS, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was launched on June 15, 2006 by the  
14 International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization at  
15 the United Nations to raise awareness of the problem of elder abuse and the resources available  
16 for the protection of seniors; and

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18 WHEREAS, in February, 2012, H.B. 215 was adopted, thereby naming June 15 each year  
19 as "Elder Abuse Awareness Day" was enacted in Ohio; and

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21 WHEREAS, the County Executive and the County Council are committed to working  
22 together to ensure the rights of seniors residing in Summit County live safely and with dignity  
23 free from any type of elder abuse and are further committed to raising public awareness of elder  
24 abuse and the services available for the protection of seniors; and

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26 WHEREAS, locally the Senior Independent Living Coalition (SILC), an initiative of the  
27 Summit 2020: A Quality of Life Project, has placed the emphasis of its purpose on reducing the  
28 incidence of elder abuse/neglect and maintaining senior health; and

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30 WHEREAS, the Summit County Department of Job and Family Services under the  
31 direction of the County Executive collaborated with other Summit County agencies &  
32 departments and in November 2015 signed a Plan of Cooperation to ensure the needs of Summit  
33 County's elderly population who are abused, neglected or exploited are met in a timely manner;  
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36 WHEREAS, in November 2015, the new Circle of Care Program which was created as a  
37 result of the Plan of Cooperation is a unique partnership of dedicated agencies that will protect  
38 and care for the seniors of Summit County; and

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40 WHEREAS, a Summit County Elder Abuse Interdisciplinary Team has been formed to  
41 advise adult protective services providers in planning for comprehensive services to seniors and  
42 to coordinate the community service delivery system; and

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44 WHEREAS, elder abuse includes physical abuse, emotional abuse, neglect, financial  
45 exploitation that may lead to harm and may even result in the death of seniors; and

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47 WHEREAS, elder abuse affects seniors of all socio-economic groups, cultures, and races,  
48 and occurs across the world, nation and state, in institutional settings, and in their homes and is  
49 committed by both caregivers and family members who seniors rely on for care; and

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4 WHEREAS, research indicates that even though more than one in ten seniors may  
5 experience some type of abuse, only one in five of these incidences are ever discovered and/or  
6 reported; and

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

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11 SECTION 1

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13 The Summit County Council hereby declares Wednesday, June 15, 2016 as Elder Abuse  
14 Awareness Day and encourages all the residents of the County to participate in any events and  
15 programs offered by the communities, libraries, schools, governments and private-sector  
16 institutions of the County in observance of this day.

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18 SECTION 2

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20 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
21 welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of immediately  
22 declaring support of Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Summit County prior to the commencement  
23 of said day.

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25 SECTION 3

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27 The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to distribute this Resolution to all political sub-  
28 divisions within the County of Summit.

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30 SECTION 4

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

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36 SECTION 5

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38 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating  
39 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all  
40 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,  
41 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section  
42 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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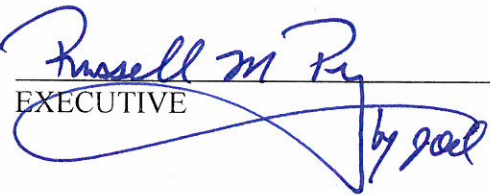
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4 INTRODUCED June 13, 2016

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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13 APPROVED June 13, 2016

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EXECUTIVE

June 13, 2016  
ENACTED EFFECTIVE

Voice Vote: 9-0 YES: Crawford, Donofrio, Feeman, Kostandaras, Prentice,  
Rodgers, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite  
ABSENT: Lee, Shapiro