

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-265

**First Reading Passage Requested**

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

**D. Matz**

4  
5 DATE September 11, 2023

COMMITTEE Health & Human Services

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7 **A Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to address child abuse**  
8 **and neglect investigations, as required by O.R.C. Section 2151, between Summit County**  
9 **Childrens Services, all Municipal Police Departments, and the County of Summit,**  
10 **including the Executive’s Department of Job & Family Services, the Sheriff’s Office, the**  
11 **Prosecutor’s Office, the Juvenile Court, and authorizing the Executive to execute the MOU**  
12 **and other necessary documents, and declaring an emergency.**

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14 WHEREAS, sections 2151.4220, 2151.4221, 2151.4222, 2151.4225, 2151.4226,  
15 2151.4230, and 2151.4234 of the Ohio Revised Code and section 5101:2-33-26 of the Ohio  
16 Administrative Code require various County agencies to execute a Memorandum of  
17 Understanding (MOU) to address child abuse and neglect investigations; and

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19 WHEREAS, said MOU is an agreement between community partners to coordinate  
20 screening, assessment and investigation, and service provision for child abuse and neglect  
21 investigations and to outline the roles and responsibilities of each participating agency; and

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23 WHEREAS, the MOU is signed bi-annually by the parties, including the County of  
24 Summit, Summit County Children’s Services, and all Municipal Police Departments; and

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26 WHEREAS, in 2022 the Ohio General Assembly amended section 2151 to include  
27 2151.4222 and 2151.4225 which require that the MOU be submitted to the Board of County  
28 Commissioners for approval, therefore requiring Summit County Council and County Executive  
29 approval; and

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31 WHEREAS, after all parties have signed said MOU, the County is required to post a  
32 copy on the general county website, and the MOU will be effective the date of posting; and

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34 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,  
35 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to approve the above referenced  
36 Memorandum of Understanding;

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

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41 SECTION 1

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43 The County hereby approves the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of  
44 Summit and various community partners and authorizes the County Executive to execute the  
45 MOU and any other documents required to finalize the MOU.

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47 SECTION 2

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49 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
50 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit and for the further reason of immediately

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4 SECTION 2 (Continued)

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6 authorizing the Memorandum of Understanding to address child abuse and neglect investigation  
7 and to post the finalized MOU on the County’s website as required by the ORC.

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9 SECTION 3

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

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15 SECTION 4

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

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24 INTRODUCED September 11, 2023

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26 ADOPTED September 11, 2023

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30 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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Veronica R Sim  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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32 APPROVED September 11, 2023

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34 DocuSigned by:  
35 Steve Shapiro  
36 EXECUTIVE

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38 ENACTED EFFECTIVE September 12, 2023

Voice Vote – YES: 9– 0: Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers,  
Schmidt, Sims, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite  
ABSENT: DeVitis, Walters