

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2010-428

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COMMITTEE Personnel

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8 **A Resolution urging Congressman Tim Ryan, Senators George Voinovich and Sherrod**
9 **Brown and Todd Hawkins, District Manager for the Northern Ohio District of the United**
10 **States Postal Service (USPS), to stop the closure of the East Akron Post Office servicing zip**
11 **code 44305, for the County of Summit Council and the County Executive, and declaring an**
12 **emergency.**

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14 WHEREAS, the County of Summit and the City of Akron recognizes the logic behind
15 consolidation of post offices and balancing budgets during challenging economic times and also
16 recognizes that careful consideration needs to be taken between providing customer service and
17 budgetary obligation; and

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19 WHEREAS, a neighborhood Post Office is a critical component of the economic as well
20 as social fabric of a community and the East Akron and Goodyear Heights areas of Akron has
21 relied on its Post Office known as the East Akron Post Office for several decades; and

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23 WHEREAS, the residents and the business community of zip code 44305, which
24 includes Goodyear Heights and East Akron, that rely on this post office total approximately
25 24,538 individual taxpayers. Approximately, 325 business are located in zip code 44305 with an
26 estimated 9,197 employees with an annual payroll of over \$534,377,000; and

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28 WHEREAS, the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company is located in the East Akron and
29 Goodyear Heights service area of the East Akron Post Office; and the Goodyear Tire and Rubber
30 Company constructed the original Goodyear Heights community for its employees; and

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32 WHEREAS, this area of Akron (Goodyear Heights) has been recognized for its historical
33 significance by both the State of Ohio as well as the Federal Government. The State of Ohio
34 recognizes a portion of this area for its architectural significance. The Federal Government has
35 recognized the work of Warren H. Manning, an influential American landscape designer, who
36 developed the street map and final plan for the Goodyear Heights development, as historically
37 significant; and

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39 WHEREAS, the County of Summit strongly urges the USPS to comply with Executive
40 Order 13006, Locating Federal Facilities on Historic Properties in our Nation's Central Cities,
41 which calls on the federal government "to give first consideration to historic districts when
42 locating federal facilities". This would provide for a positive statement from USPS at a time
43 when the public is concerned about urban sprawl; and

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45 WHEREAS, should this post office close along with the Chapel Hill post office a huge
46 void would be located in the Northeast section of Akron; and the residents and business
47 community that relies on the East Akron Post Office will likely transfer their postal needs to
48 private services, thereby creating further financial losses for the USPS.

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

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8 SECTION 1

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10 The County of Summit along with the City of Akron urges Congressman Tim Ryan,
11 Senators George Voinovich and Sherrod Brown and Todd Hawkins, District Manager for the
12 Northern Ohio District of the USPS, to stop the closure of the East Akron Post Office servicing
13 zip code 44305.

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15 SECTION 2

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17 The Council hereby directs the Clerk of Council to forward a copy of this Resolution to
18 Congressman Tim Ryan, Senators George Voinovich and Sherrod Brown and Todd Hawkins,
19 District Manager for the Northern Ohio District of the USPS.

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21 SECTION 3

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23 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
24 welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of immediately
25 expressing public concern and dismay about the potential closing of East Akron Post Office
26 servicing the residents and the business community of zip code 44305.

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28 SECTION 4

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

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34 SECTION 5

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

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11 CLERK OF COUNCIL


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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15 APPROVED September 27, 2010

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Voice Vote: 10-0 YES: Comunale, Crawford, Crossland, Feeman, Kostandaras
Poda, Rodgers, Schmidt, Shapiro, Smith ABSENT: Prentice