

1 RESOLUTION NO 2010-183

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3 SPONSOR Mrs. Prentice, Mr. Pry & Council of the Whole

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5 DATE April 12, 2010

COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution declaring the month of April 2010 as Autism Awareness Month in Summit**
8 **County and encouraging the residents of Summit County to participate in the Take Me**
9 **Home Program and any events and programs offered by the communities, libraries,**
10 **schools and governments of the County that promote autism awareness, for the Council,**
11 **Prosecutor, Sheriff and Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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13 WHEREAS, autism is a pervasive developmental disorder affecting the social, learning
14 and behavioral skills of those affected by it, and;

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16 WHEREAS, across America, more than one million Americans have been diagnosed
17 with autism and more cases of autism are being diagnosed annually at an alarming rate; and

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19 WHEREAS, in the State of Ohio, the identified incidents of autism have risen over
20 23,000% over the past 11 years; and

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22 WHEREAS, at all levels of government, actions are being taken to address autism and its
23 effects; and

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25 WHEREAS, locally, in 2007, Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh and Sheriff Drew
26 Alexander began the Take Me Home Program which registers in a County database individuals
27 who are unable to communicate vital information such as their name and address to law
28 enforcement personnel in the event of an emergency; and

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30 WHEREAS, through the Take Me Home Program, law enforcement personnel from
31 participating departments throughout Summit County are able to access said database to identify
32 an individual and provide the necessary assistance and contact that person's family; and

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34 WHEREAS, several national and international organizations have declared April to be
35 Autism Awareness Month; and

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37 WHERAS, in the interest of promoting the Take Me Home Program and to promote
38 activities and programs among Summit County's communities, libraries, schools and
39 governments, this Council desires to declare the month of April 2010 as Autism Awareness
40 Month in Summit County.

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

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45 SECTION 1

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47 The month of April 2010 is hereby declared Autism Awareness Month in Summit County
48 and the residents of the County are hereby encouraged to participate in the Take Me Home
49 Program if a member of their family is unable to communicate vital information such as their
50 name and address to law enforcement personnel. Further, all residents of the County are
51 encouraged to participate in any events and programs offered by the communities, libraries,
52 schools and governments of the County that promote autism awareness.

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SECTION 2

This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of immediately declaring April 2010 as Autism Awareness Month in Summit County prior to the commencement of said month.

SECTION 3

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

SECTION 4

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

INTRODUCED April 12, 2010

ADOPTED April 12, 2010

Shirley P. Greer
CLERK OF COUNCIL

Tom Poda
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED April 12, 2010

Russell M. P.
EXECUTIVE

April 12, 2010
ENACTED EFFECTIVE

Voice Vote: 11-0 YES: Comunale, Crawford, Crossland, Feeman, Kostandaras Poda, Prentice, Rodgers, Schmidt, Shapiro, Smith