RESOLUTION NO. 2012-015

SPONSOR __________ Mr. Pry __________

DATE __________ January 30, 2012 __________ COMMITTEE __________ Public Safety __________

A Resolution authorizing the County Executive's Department of Law, Insurance and Risk Management, Division of Public Safety, to make expenditures, in an amount not to exceed $20,000.00, for hospitality items incurred in providing training and planning sessions to be held in 2012, for the Executive's Department of Law, Insurance and Risk Management, Division of Public Safety, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, the County Executive's Department of Law, Insurance and Risk Management, Division of Public Safety, conducts training for the County of Summit as well as Ohio Homeland Security Region 5 which includes the following 13 counties: Medina, Summit, Portage, Trumbull, Richland, Ashland, Wayne, Stark, Mahoning, Columbiana, Holmes, Carroll and Tuscarawas; and

WHEREAS, such training includes National Incident Management System ("NIMS"), Training, Critical Infrastructure Identification and Awareness, Hazardous Materials Training, All hazards planning sessions, Alternative Care Facilities, Public Information during a disaster training, County of Summit Safety Council and Special Needs Population exercises; and

WHEREAS, such training and planning sessions are attended law enforcement, fire, emergency management services, health, hospitals, emergency management, public works, courts, volunteer organizations and elected officials; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Public Safety wishes to make hospitality expenses in an amount not to exceed $20,000.00 for 2012 related to the aforementioned training and planning sessions; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Ohio issued Opinion No. 82-006, which authorizes the expenditure of funds by a local political subdivision for its employees as long as those expenditures are necessary to further a public purpose and if the political subdivision's determination to make such expenditures is not manifestly arbitrary or unreasonable; and

WHEREAS, Section 177.24 (b) and (c) of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit require the approval of County Council for hospitality expenditures exceeding $2,000.00 per year and for hospitality expenditures for purposes other than employee training, meetings and organization strategic planning meetings; and

WHEREAS, this Council has determined by reviewing all pertinent information that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the Division of Public Safety to make expenditures, in an amount not to exceed $20,000.00, for hospitality items incurred in providing training and planning sessions to be held in 2012 and that such expenditures are for a valid public purpose;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State of Ohio, that:
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SECTION 1

The County Executive’s Department of Law, Insurance and Risk Management, Division of Public Safety, is hereby authorized to make expenditures, in an amount not to exceed $20,000.00, for hospitality items incurred in providing training and planning sessions to be held in 2012. This Council hereby finds and determines that such expenses are for a valid public purpose.

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 reason of immediately authorizing Division of Public Safety to make expenditures for hospitality items incurred in providing training and planning sessions to be held in 2012.

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 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 January 9, 2012

ADOPTED January 30, 2012

CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED January 30, 2012

EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE January 30, 2012

Voice Vote: 11-0: YES: Comunale, Crawford, Feeman, Kostandaras, Kurt, Lee Prentice, Rodgers, Roemer, Schmidt, Shapiro