

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2013-441

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3 SPONSOR Mr. Pry, Mr. Comunale, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Feeman, Mr. Kostandaras,
4 Ms. Kurt, Ms. Lee, Ms. Prentice, Mr. Schmidt, Ms. Shapiro

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6 DATE _____ COMMITTEE Committee of the Whole

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8 ~~**An amended Resolution condemning the actions of the Tea Party Republicans in the**~~
9 ~~**United States House of Representatives that have led to the shutdown of the Federal**~~
10 ~~**Government encouraging the United States House of Representatives, United States Senate**~~
11 ~~**and the President of the United States to enter into a compromise relative to the current**~~
12 ~~**budget impasse and urging Congress to pass a budget with the purpose of immediately**~~
13 ~~**reopening the Federal Government, for the Executive and Council, and declaring an**~~
14 ~~**emergency.**~~

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16 WHEREAS, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, more commonly know as
17 the Affordable Care Act, was duly enacted by the federal government on March 23, 2010 ; and

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19 WHEREAS, following a number of legal challenges the Affordable Care Act was
20 reviewed by the United States Supreme Court and ruled to be constitutional on June 28, 2012;
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23 WHEREAS, pursuant to the Constitution of the United States, Congress has a
24 responsibility to adopt a budget to fund the Federal Government, including funding duly enacted
25 and constitutional laws and operations; and

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27 ~~WHEREAS, a small group of Tea Party Republicans in the House of Representatives,~~
28 ~~consisting of approximately 40-50 members, have irresponsibly linked the funding of the~~
29 ~~operations of the Federal Government to their ideological opposition of the Affordable Care Act;~~
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32 WHEREAS, as a result of Congress's failure to adopt a budget, the Federal Government
33 has been shutdown other than mandatory spending; and

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35 ~~WHEREAS, Tea Party Republicans are effectively holding the Federal Government~~
36 ~~hostage due to their partisan opposition to a duly enacted and constitutional law; and~~

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38 WHEREAS, due to the shutdown of the Federal Government, over 800,000 federal
39 employees have been furloughed, including 52,000 federal employees in the State of Ohio.
40 ~~Furthermore, 35,000 Ohio servicemen and women are facing delays in their paychecks due to the~~
41 ~~shutdown; and~~

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43 WHEREAS, the families of these federal workers ~~and servicemen and women~~ are being
44 negatively financially impacted at a time when we have enough families struggling to make ends
45 meet; and

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47 WHEREAS, the government shutdown has also led to a halt in lifesaving clinical trials at
48 the National Institute of Health, the closing of all National Parks, and the potential loss of \$10
49 billion dollars a week to the United States economy at a time when our economy is still slowly
50 recovering; and

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4 WHEREAS, a prolonged shutdown of the Federal Government will begin financially
5 harming the County as federal funds dry up and the Council and Executive are forced to decide
6 whether to use limited general funds to replace those lost funds or discontinue very necessary
7 social services to the public; and

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9 ~~WHEREAS, recent polling data suggests that a majority of Americans are opposed to the~~
10 ~~continued shutdown of the Federal Government; and~~

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12 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
13 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to ~~condemn the actions of the Tea Party~~
14 ~~Republicans in the United States House of Representatives~~ encourage the United States House of
15 Representatives, United States Senate and the President of the United States to enter into a
16 compromise relative to the current budget impasse and urge Congress to pass a budget with the
17 purpose of immediately reopening the Federal Government.

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

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22 SECTION 1

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24 This Council hereby ~~condemns the actions of the Tea Party Republicans in the United~~
25 ~~States House of Representatives that have led to the shutdown of the Federal Government~~
26 encourages the United States House of Representatives, United States Senate and the President
27 of the United States to enter into a compromise relative to the current budget impasse and urges
28 Congress to pass a budget with the purpose of immediately reopening the Federal Government.

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30 SECTION 2

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32 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
33 welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit, and for the further reason of immediately urging
34 Congress to adopt a budget and end the Federal Government shutdown to immediately end the
35 negative consequences of the shutdown.

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37 SECTION 3

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

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43 SECTION 4

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45 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
46 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
47 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
48 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
49 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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5 INTRODUCED October 7, 2013

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11 CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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