RESOLUTION NO. 2014-062

SPONSOR Mr. Pry

DATE February 10, 2014 COMMITTEE Public Safety

A Resolution to approve and adopt the Dangerous Wild Animal Response Team Plan, for the Executive’s Department of Law, Insurance and Risk Management – Division of Public Safety/Emergency Management Agency, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, in 2012, the 129th Ohio General Assembly adopted Substitute Senate Bill 310, which enacted Chapter 935 of the Ohio Revised Code (“ORC”) regulating dangerous wild animals and restricted snakes; and

WHEREAS, ORC Section 935.27 establishes a county Dangerous Wild Animal Response Team (“DWART”) and requires that team to establish a county response plan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to ORC Section 935.28, the DWART is required to prepare an emergency response plan for the County, which must include the methods and procedures that will be utilized in the event of an escaped dangerous wild animal within Summit County; and

WHEREAS, the DWART shall update the plan on an annual basis and shall submit the updated plan to the State Dangerous Wild Animal Response Commission “(DWARC)”; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information, that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to approve and adopt the aforementioned plan;

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

SECTION 1

The Dangerous Wild Animal Response Team (“DWART”) Plan for calendar year 2014, attached as Exhibit A is hereby approved and adopted by this Council.

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 that it is necessary to immediately approve and adopt the DWART Plan.

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 27, 2014

ADOPTED February 10, 2014

CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED February 11, 2014

EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE February 11, 2014

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