RESOLUTION NO. 2014-187

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

DATE April 28, 2014

COMMITTEE Human Services

A Resolution opposing Ohio House Bill 369 and expressing support for continued local control of community mental health and addiction services, for the Executive and Council, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, Ohio House Bill 369 attempts to restrict funding for local mental health and addiction services by reprioritizing local investments and program decisions for Summit County at the risk of disrupting health services; and

WHEREAS, historically, local volunteer citizens of the County of Summit Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Board (“ADM Board”) have identified local needs and empowered community action through local partnerships with schools, courts, human service agencies, and other stakeholders on issues concerning mental health and addiction prevention, treatment, and recovery supports to provide the services necessary to meet Summit County needs; and

WHEREAS, the members and employees of the ADM Board are the closest to the people in need of mental health and addiction prevention, treatment, and recovery support; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 340 of the Ohio Revised Code grants local ADM Boards the right and responsibility to assess the community addiction and mental health needs, evaluate strengths and challenges, and set priorities for community addiction and mental health services; and

WHEREAS, Ohio House Bill 369 eliminates the local control that ADM Boards have over mental health and addiction services and instead inserts the control of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services’ judgment over these local matters; 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 oppose Ohio House Bill 369 and express support for continued local control of community mental health and addiction services.

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

SECTION 1

This Council expresses its opposition to Ohio House Bill 369 and support for continued local control of community mental health and addiction services.

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 expressing opposition to Ohio House Bill 369 and support for continued local control of community mental health and addiction services.
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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 April 28, 2014

ADOPTED April 28, 2014

CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED April 29, 2014

EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE April 29, 2014

Voice Vote: 10-0 YES: Comunale, Crawford, Feeman, Kostandaras
Kurt, Lee, Prentice, Roemer, Schmidt, Shapiro
ABSENT: Rodgers