RESOLUTION NO____2014-250______

First Reading Passage Requested
(P. Divoky)

SPONSOR__Mr. Pry and Mrs. Prentice and Council of the Whole

DATE_________June 2, 2014__________COMMITTEE______Human Services____

A Resolution declaring Sunday - June 15, 2014, as Elder Abuse Awareness Day and
encouraging the residents of Summit County to participate in any events and programs
offered by the communities, libraries, schools, governments and private-sector
organizations that are designed to raise awareness of the abuse of older persons, for the
Executive, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was launched on June 15, 2006, by the
International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization at
the United Nations to raise awareness of the problem of elder abuse and the resources available
for the protection of seniors; and

WHEREAS, in February 2012, House Bill 215 was adopted, thereby naming June 15 of
each year as “Elder Abuse Awareness Day”; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services has encouraged all adult
protective services professionals and advocates to “Wear Purple to Work” on Friday – June 13,
2014, and take a stance against elder abuse; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive and County Council are committed to working
together to ensure the rights of seniors residing in Summit County live safely and with dignity
free from any type of elder abuse and are further committed to raising public awareness of elder
abuse and the services available for the protection of seniors; and

WHEREAS, locally the Senior Independent Living Coalition (“SILC”), an initiative of
the Summit 2020: A Quality of Life Project, has placed the emphasis of its purpose on reducing
the incidence of elder abuse/neglect and maintaining senior health; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse includes physical abuse, emotional abuse, neglect, financial
exploitation that may lead to harm and may even result in the death of seniors; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse affects seniors of all socio-economic groups, cultures, and races,
and occurs across the world, nation and state, in institutional settings, and in their homes and is
committed by both caregivers and family members whom seniors rely on for care; and

WHEREAS, research indicates that even though more than one in ten seniors may
experience some type of abuse, only one in five of these incidences are ever discovered and/or
reported; 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 declare Sunday - June 15,
2014, as Elder Abuse Awareness Day;

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

The Summit County Council hereby declares Sunday - June 15, 2014, as Elder Abuse Awareness Day and encourages all residents of the County to participate in any events and programs offered by the communities, libraries, schools, governments and private-sector institutions of the County in observance of this day.

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 support of Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Summit County prior to the commencement of said day.

SECTION 3

The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to distribute this Resolution to all political subdivisions within the County of Summit.

SECTION 4

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 5

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 June 2, 2014

ADOPTED June 2, 2014

CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED June 3, 2014

EXECUTIVE

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

June 3, 2014
ENACTED EFFECTIVE