RESOLUTION NO.______ 2014-307______

SPONSOR __ Mr. Pry, Mrs. Prentice, Ms. Shapiro __ and Council of the Whole

DATE __ June 30, 2014 ______________ COMMITTEE __ Human Services __

A Resolution declaring the month of August 2014 Kids Month in the County of Summit
and encouraging the citizens of Summit County to join in this acknowledgement, for the
Executive, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, we recognize the importance of early childhood care, education, health,
behavioral health, family support, special needs and early intervention; and

WHEREAS, by ensuring kindergarten readiness, we are investing in the future prosperity
of our community because high quality, early childhood development is a critical component of
K-12 success and is instrumental in cultivating a skilled workforce; and

WHEREAS, health and wellness programs strive to ensure that comprehensive physical
and mental health needs of children in Summit County are being addressed; and

WHEREAS, the Summit For Kids Expo connects families with businesses, organizations
and agencies that focus on children’s programming, health, education, activities and
entertainment; and

WHEREAS, promotion and implementation of strategies through the Safe Routes to
Schools Program, Cribs for Kids, Safe Sitters, proper use of car seats and bike helmets will
reduce preventable injury to children; and

WHEREAS, we are committed to reducing infant mortality in Summit County; Ohio has
the 11th worst infant mortality rate in the nation for babies of all races and the second worst
infant mortality rate in the nation for African American babies; and

WHEREAS, through the leadership of the First Things First Initiative, we can make a
difference in the quality of life, health, well-being and education of children in Summit County;
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 August 2014 as
Kids Month in Summit County and to encourage the citizens of Summit County to join in this
acknowledgement;

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

SECTION 1

The month of August 2014 is hereby declared Kids Month in Summit County and the
citizens of Summit County are hereby encouraged to join in this acknowledgement.

Week 1  Kindergarten Readiness Week is focused on Kindergarten Readiness for
children ages 0-5.
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Week 2 Child Wellness Week will cover comprehensive child wellness which includes mental health, physical health, lead screenings, diet, exercise and oral health.

Week 3 Family Week emphasizes activities and events that are geared toward family engagement such as father involvement, healthy life course model, family planning and community services.

Week 4 Child Safety Week will encourage the uses of the Safe Routes to School program, and share information from Safe Kids Summit County such as proper car seat and bike helmet use.

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 declaring August 2014 as Kids Month in Summit County prior to the commencement of the month.

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 June 16, 2014

ADOPTED June 30, 2014

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED July 1, 2014

EXECUTIVE

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

ENACTED EFFECTIVE

July 1, 2014