

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2015-109

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4 SPONSOR Mr. Pry, Mr. Crawford, Ms. Kurt, Mr. Kostandaras, Ms. Prentice, Ms. Shapiro,
5 Mr. Schmidt and Council of the Whole

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7 DATE March 2, 2015 COMMITTEE Planning

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9 **A Resolution opposing the closure of the Akron Mail Sorting Office by the United States**
10 **Postal Service, for the Executive and Council, and declaring an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, on February 21, 2015, the United States Postal Service announced that it
13 would close the Akron Mail Sorting Office located in Akron on April 18, 2015; and

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15 WHEREAS, closure of the Akron Mail Sorting Office will lead to a weakening in
16 services provided to the public, including the delay of deliveries and standard mail; and

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18 WHEREAS, many people and businesses rely upon the timely delivery of packages and
19 mail provided by the United States Postal Service and will encounter hardship due to the
20 diminished services and delays in delivery that will result from the closure of the Akron Mail
21 Sorting Office; and

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23 WHEREAS, the United States Post Office is an anchor within the community that is one
24 of the nation's largest employers of veterans, minorities and women, thereby providing good-
25 paying, decent union job opportunities to the area; and

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27 WHEREAS, the Akron Mail Sorting Office of the United States Postal Services currently
28 employs around 400 people, many of those are in good-paying, union jobs; and

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30 WHEREAS, as a County, we have made great strides in replacing jobs lost during the
31 recent economic crisis, and the loss of jobs from the Akron Mail Sorting Office closure will only
32 further hurt our economy; and

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34 WHEREAS, the Akron Mail Sorting Office is only one of four regional sorting offices in
35 Northeast Ohio that are going to be closed and consolidated to the Cleveland office, and one of
36 six regional sorting Offices in the State to be consolidated to both the Columbus and Cleveland
37 sorting offices; and

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39 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
40 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to oppose the closure of the
41 Akron Mail Sorting Office of the United States Postal Service;

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

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46 SECTION 1

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48 This Council opposes the closure of the Akron Mail Sorting Office by the United States
49 Postal Service, and urges the United States Postal Service to reconsider the anticipated closure of
50 that operation.

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4 SECTION 2

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6 The Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to transmit a copy of this
7 Resolution to the United States Postmaster General, the United States Postmaster for the Akron
8 Office, United States Senators Sherrod Brown and Rob Portman and all United States
9 Representatives representing a portion of Summit County in the United States House of
10 Representatives.

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12 SECTION 3

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14 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
15 welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of immediately
16 expressing opposition to the closure of the Akron Mail Sorting Office of the United States Postal
17 Office before the proposed closure date of April 18, 2015.

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19 SECTION 4

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

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25 SECTION 5

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27 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
28 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
29 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
30 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
31 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Codes.

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34 INTRODUCED March 2, 2015

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36 ADOPTED March 2, 2015

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40 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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50 APPROVED March 3, 2015

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60 ENACTED EFFECTIVE March 3, 2015

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