RESOLUTION



WHEREAS the voters of Summit County in May 1984 approved a .89 mill temporary real estate property tax levy for operating the Akron-Summit County Public Library, renewed that levy in 1989, replaced that levy in 1994, renewed that levy in 1999, and

WHEREAS the voters of Summit County in March 2004 approved a 1.4 mill temporary real estate property tax levy for operating the Akron-Summit County Public Library, and

WHEREAS this levy has generated approximately \$12 million annually to support the Library's service through Main Library, 17 branch libraries, a Mobile Services department, community meeting spaces, and free access to computer technology, and

WHEREAS the Summit County Fiscal Officer has certified that a replacement of the 1.4 mill levy would generate estimated property tax revenue of \$12,773,480 in the first year of collection, and

WHEREAS since 1998 (prior to the Library's building program) the number of items borrowed has increased by 62%; the number of visitors to library facilities has increased by 77%; the number of children attending Library programs has increased by 95%; the number of public computers available in library buildings has increased by 282%; the number of active registered individuals with library cards now numbers over 320,000; and

WHEREAS annual library funding received from the State of Ohio has been reduced by approximately 25%, or \$3.6 million, since 2008, and

WHEREAS a strong, viable public library is a vital contributor to the quality of life in Akron and Summit County, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Akron-Summit County Public Library, appointed and organized pursuant to Sections 3375.22 and 3375.32 of the Ohio Revised Code, and acting pursuant to Sections 3375.23 and 3375.40 of the Ohio Revised Code, two-thirds of all members thereof concurring, to request the Council of the County of Summit, Ohio to place a 1.4 mill replacement temporary real estate tax levy for current operating expenses of the Library on the ballot for the Primary Election to be held on May 4, 2010, pursuant to Sections 5705.03, 5705.19 (D), 5705.191, 5705.192, and 5705.23 of the Ohio Revised Code. Said levy to appear on the 2010 tax duplicate for collection in 2011 and to be collected for a period of five (5) years commencing in 2011 at an estimated cost to the owner of a \$100,000 home of \$49.00 per year, or \$4.08 per month (\$42.88 per year, or \$3.57 per month after rollback/reduction), as certified by the Summit County Fiscal Officer, and be it further

RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Akron-Summit County Public Library, this day, December 17, 2009, to direct the Fiscal Officer of the Akron-Summit County Public Library to forward this resolution to the Executive of the County of Summit, the President of Council of the County of Summit, and the Fiscal Officer of the County of Summit forthwith.

Volita Adair

Vice-President, Board of Trustees

Akron-Summit County Public Library

Sharon McGuire

Fiscal Officer

Akron-Summit County Public Library