

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2010-182

First Reading Passage Requested

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3 SPONSOR Mr. Pry and Council of the Whole

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5 DATE April 12, 2010

COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution declaring the month of April 2010 as Parkinson's Awareness Month in**
8 **Summit County and encouraging the residents of Summit County to participate in the**
9 **programs that promote Parkinson's Awareness, for the Executive, and declaring an**
10 **emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is the second most common neurodegenerative disease
13 in the United States, second only to Alzheimer's disease; and

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15 WHEREAS, even though there is inadequate comprehensive data on the incidence and
16 prevalence of Parkinson's disease, as of 2010, it is estimated that the disease affects over
17 1,000,000 people in the United States; and

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19 WHEREAS, although research suggests the cause of Parkinson's disease is a
20 combination of genetic and environmental factors, the exact cause and progression of the disease
21 is still unknown; and

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23 WHEREAS, there is no objective test for Parkinson's disease and the rate of
24 misdiagnosis can be high; and

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26 WHEREAS, symptoms of Parkinson's disease vary from person to person and include
27 tremor, slowness, difficulty with balance, swallowing, chewing and speaking, rigidity, cognitive
28 problems, dementia mood disorders, skin problems and sleep disruptions; and

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30 WHEREAS, medications mask some symptoms of Parkinson's disease for a limited
31 amount of time each day, often with dose limiting side-effects; and

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33 WHEREAS, ultimately, the medications and treatments lose their effectiveness, generally
34 after four to 8 years, leaving the person unable to move, speak or swallow; and

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36 WHEREAS, there is no cure, therapy or drug to slow or halt the progression of
37 Parkinson's disease; and

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39 WHEREAS, increased education and research are needed to help find more effective
40 treatments with fewer side effects and, ultimately, an effective treatment or cure for Parkinson's
41 disease; and

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43 WHEREAS, the federal government, through the National Institute of Health, the
44 Department of Defense Neurotoxin Exposure Treatment Parkinson's Research Program, the
45 Veterans Affairs' Parkinson's Disease Research, Education and Clinical Centers and other
46 agencies supports vital work to better understand Parkinson's disease and to find new treatments;
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49 WHEREAS, the Parkinson's community will gather in New York City's Central Park on
50 April 14, 2010 for the Parkinson's Unity Walk, an annual gathering inspiring people with
51 Parkinson's and their friends and families; and

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4 WHEREAS, in the interest of promoting Parkinson's Awareness and to encourage
5 residents of the County to participate in Parkinson's Awareness programs, this Council desires to
6 declare the month of April 2010 as Parkinson's Awareness Month in Summit County.
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8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the County of Summit,
9 State of Ohio, that:

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12 SECTION 1

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14 The month of April 2010 is hereby declared Parkinson's Awareness Month in Summit
15 County and the residents of the County are hereby encouraged to participate in any programs that
16 promote Parkinson's Awareness.
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18 SECTION 2

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20 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
21 welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of immediately
22 declaring April 2010 as Parkinson's Awareness Month in Summit County during said month.
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24 SECTION 3

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26 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take
27 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take
28 effect and be in force at the earliest possible time provided by law.
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30 SECTION 4

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32 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
33 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
34 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
35 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
36 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.
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38 INTRODUCED April 12, 2010

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40 ADOPTED April 12, 2010

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44 CLERK OF COUNCIL


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46 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

47 APPROVED April 12, 2010

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50 EXECUTIVE

April 12, 2010
ENACTED EFFECTIVE

Voice Vote: 11-0 YES: Komunale, Crawford, Crossland, Feeman, Kostandaras
Poda, Prentice, Rodgers, Schmidt, Shapiro, Smith