

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2011-098 First Reading Passage Requested

2 C. Smith

3 SPONSOR Mr. Smith and Council of the Whole

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5 DATE March 7, 2011 COMMITTEE Personnel

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7 **A Resolution urging Congress to reject that portion of the Administration's proposed 2011**  
8 **Federal Budget that calls for the reduction of the Community Services Block Grant**  
9 **(CSBG) program and require that CSBG remain fully funded, for the County of Summit**  
10 **Council , and declaring an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, since its creation by President Ronald Reagan more than 29 years ago, the  
13 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program has been the signature partnership between  
14 the federal government, states and community action agencies to create jobs, increase  
15 community economic development opportunities; and meet emergency needs of the poor; and

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17 WHEREAS, in 2010 CSBG provided Akron Summit Community Action, Inc., \$2.5  
18 million dollars used to benefit low to moderate income residents by preparing 1,805 federal tax  
19 returns, resulting in tax preparation savings of over \$370,000; and \$3,332,857 in tax refunds  
20 (\$1,380,880 EITC); assisting 90 full time paid senior volunteers, serving 180 children with  
21 special needs at 25 Head Start, day care centers, schools, hospitals and other sites. Engaged 65  
22 at-risk Youth Build Trainees (18-24) in education, life skills, and construction training and job  
23 placements provided opportunities; maintained 450 households in emergency housing; and

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25 WHEREAS, the National Community Action Partnership and the National Association of  
26 Counties have joined with a coalition of community leaders to denounce the reduction of CSBG  
27 in the 2011 and 2012 Federal Budget.

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

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32 SECTION 1

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34 This Council hereby strongly urges the Congress to reject that portion of the  
35 Administration's proposed 2011 Federal budget that calls for the reduction of the Community  
36 Services Block Grant (CSBG) program, and to require that CSBG remain fully funded at the  
37 \$700 million level.

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39 SECTION 2

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41 The Clerk of Council is directed to send a copy of this resolution to U.S. Senators  
42 Sherrod Brown and Rob Portman and Representatives Betty Sutton, Tim Ryan and Steven  
43 LaTourette.

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45 SECTION 3

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47 This resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the  
48 immediate preservation of public peace, safety and welfare and for the reason that the  
49 Community Services Block Grant program is a vital component of the partnership between the  
50 federal and state governments and 1000 community action agencies to create jobs, increase  
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community economic development opportunities and alleviate poverty and promote self sufficiency, and provided this ordinance 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 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 March 7, 2011

ADOPTED March 7, 2011

  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED March 7, 2011

  
EXECUTIVE

March 7, 2011  
ENACTED EFFECTIVE

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