

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2013-159

First Reading Passage Requested

(P. Prentice)

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3 SPONSOR Mr. Pry, Ms. Prentice, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Kostandaras, Mr. Feeman, Ms. Kurt,
4 Ms. Lee, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Comunale, Ms. Shapiro

5 DATE April 15, 2013

COMMITTEE Rules

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7 **A Resolution expressing opposition to so-called “right to work” laws and the “Workplace**
8 **Freedom” Constitutional Amendment to the Ohio Constitution and supporting fair labor**
9 **practices and working families, for the Executive and Council, and declaring an**
10 **emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, special interest groups are promoting a so-called “right to work” law called
13 the “Workplace Freedom” Constitutional Amendment to the Ohio Constitution, which is actually
14 an attack on working families and the middle class; and

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16 WHEREAS, so-called “right to work” laws give multi-national corporations even more
17 power to outsource jobs, cut wages and reduce benefits at the expense of our workers, small
18 businesses and the local economy; and

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20 WHEREAS, workers in states with so-called “right to work” laws have a consistently
21 lower quality of life than in other states – lower wages, higher poverty and infant mortality rates,
22 less access to the health care they need and poorer education for their children; and

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24 WHEREAS, so-called “right to work” laws weaken the voice of our everyday heroes –
25 our nurses, firefighters, police officers and first responders – by making it harder to bargain for
26 safe staffing levels and necessary equipment to keep us safe; and

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28 WHEREAS, so-called “right to work” laws will silence whistleblowers who are counted
29 on to keep our workplaces safe, protect consumer goods, services and products and safeguard our
30 natural resources and environment; and

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32 WHEREAS, the implementation of so-called “right to work” laws will erode the tax base
33 that supports vital services in our communities, such as education, public safety, roads, water,
34 etc.; and

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36 WHEREAS, less than two years ago, Ohio voters rejected a similar political attack on
37 Ohio’s workers and the middle class by overwhelmingly voting NO on Senate Bill 5/Issue 2, and
38 it is clear that the sentiment of the people of the County of Summit is that collective bargaining
39 rights of workers should be protected; and

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41 WHEREAS, business and labor should work together to create good jobs and improve
42 the economy, not be distracted by extreme outside groups that want to silence the voice of
43 workers and drive down the middle class; and

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45 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
46 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to immediately express its
47 opposition to so-called “right to work” laws and the “Workplace Freedom” Constitutional
48 Amendment to the Ohio Constitution and to express its support for fair labor practices and
49 working families.

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

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4 SECTION 1

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6 This Council hereby expresses its firm opposition to so-called "right to work" laws and
7 the "Workplace Freedom" Constitutional Amendment to the Ohio Constitution and hereby
8 expresses its support for fair labor practices and working families that would be hurt by such
9 laws.

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11 SECTION 2

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13 This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency in the interest of the health, safety
14 and welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit and for the further reason of immediately
15 informing the public of its opposition to so-called "right to work" laws and the "Workplace
16 Freedom" Constitutional Amendment, as this important issue is presented to the public.

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18 SECTION 3

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

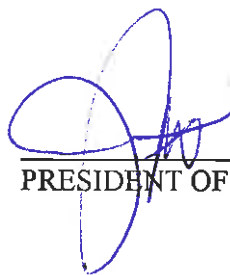
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24 SECTION 4

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

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33 INTRODUCED April 15, 2013

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35 ADOPTED April 15, 2013

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39 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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41 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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43 APPROVED April 16, 2013

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47 ENACTED EFFECTIVE April 16, 2013

Voice Vote: 9-2. Yes: Comunale, Crawford, Feeman, Kostandaras, Kurt, Lee, Prentice, Schmidt, Shapiro. NO: Rodgers, Roemer