

COUNTY OF SUMMIT, OHIO

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Mayor William Currin Mayor of Hudson 115 Executive Parkwya, #400 Hudson, OH 44236

Dear Mayor Currin,

I am asking you to join me in declaring the month of August 2013 as Summit Kids Month in Summit County.

Over the last five years, the First Things First initiative has identified many important issues facing the children of Summit County. Coalition members, which include Juvenile Court, Children Services Board, Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Board, Akron Public Schools, Akron Summit Community Action, Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority, Developmental Disabilities Board, Summit County Public Health, Akron Summit County Public Library, Summit Educational Service Center, Summit Education Initiatives and Child Guidance and Family Solutions, have designed innovative programming and created new successful collaborations. Building on the success of Summit for Kids, these early childhood initiatives will be highlighted during the month of August.

Each week during Summit Kids Month, we will highlight important issues facing the youth of Summit County; the first week will focus on kindergarten readiness, the second week will focus on health and wellness, week three will be the Summit for Kids symposium, luncheon and expo, and the final week will reach out into the community and talk about infant mortality and the ways we can lower our number of deaths.

I believe we must work together to make all citizens aware of the critical issues facing our children. Together we can create a brighter future for our children and our community. Please join me and partner with communities across Summit County in providing a brighter future for our kids.

Thank you for adding to the success of Summit Kids Month.

Sincerely,

Russell M. Pry Executive

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