



## **PROCLAMATION**

### ***Special Recognition of Kids Month***

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the importance of early childhood care, education, health, behavioral health, family support, special needs and early intervention; and

**WHEREAS**, by ensuring good beginnings through early learning, we are investing in the future prosperity of our community, because high quality, early childhood education is a critical component of K-12 success and is instrumental in cultivating a skilled workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, the Summit For Kids Expo connects families with businesses, organizations and agencies that focus on children's programming, health, education, activities, and entertainment; and

**WHEREAS**, health and wellness programs strive to ensure that comprehensive physical and mental health needs of children in Summit County are being addressed; and

**WHEREAS**, promotion and implementation of strategies through the Safe Routes to Schools Program, Cribs for Kids, Safe Sitters, and use of car seats and bike helmets will reduce preventable injury to children; and

**WHEREAS**, we are committed to reducing infant mortality in Summit County, because Ohio has the 11<sup>th</sup> worst infant mortality rate in the nation, and infant deaths in the African American community in Summit County are nearly double the rate of other populations; and

**WHEREAS**, through the leadership of the First Things First Initiative, we can make a difference in the quality of life, health, well-being and education of children in Summit County.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, William A. Currin, Mayor of the City of Hudson, Ohio, do hereby proclaim August 2015 as

#### **"Kids Month"**

in Hudson and encourage the citizens to join in acknowledging the importance of new beginnings and early learning, family engagement, child wellness, and child safety.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF:**

I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Hudson to be affixed on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2015.

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William A. Currin, Mayor  
City of Hudson, Ohio