



## *PROCLAMATION*

### *Special Recognition of Summit 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 kindergarten readiness, 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**, health and wellness programs strive to ensure that children are protected from diseases which can cause serious illness, permanent damage or death; 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**, 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 2013 as

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

and encourage the citizens of Hudson to join in this acknowledgement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF:**

I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Hudson to be affixed on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013.

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William A. Currin, Mayor  
City of Hudson, Ohio