



COUNTY OF SUMMIT, OHIO

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The Honorable William Currin
Mayor of Hudson
155 Executive Parkway, Suite 400
Hudson, Ohio 44236



June 10, 2015

Dear Mr. Currin:

Join me in proclaiming August 2015 “Kids Month” in Summit County. Your support assists us in shining a bright spotlight on the important health and education issues impacting all of our children.

Our First Things First, Kids Month planning committee has been working hard to be sure every library in Summit County has basic information on programs available to children and their families. In addition to the library information packets, the committee has activities, programs, and events scheduled throughout the month. As a general guideline, each week in August will have a theme and the highlight of the month will once again be the Summit For Kids Symposium and Luncheon August 14th and the Summit For Kids Expo August 15th. Below you will find the general themes for the month:

Week 1	New Beginnings/Early Learning Week	August 3 - 9
Week 2	Family Week	August 10 - 16
Week 3	Child Wellness Week	August 17 - 23
Week 4	Child Safety Week	August 24 - 30

Again, these weekly designations are just guidelines and should not restrict activities throughout the month.

We must work together to make all citizens aware of the critical issues facing our children. Please join me and partner with communities across Summit County in providing a brighter future for our children. We are excited to place an emphasis on our children and to draw attention to the importance of our entire community collaborating together to nurture their success.

Enclose you will find a sample resolution that may be used by your community. Thank you for adding to the success of “Kids Month” in Summit County.

Sincerely;

Russ Pry, Executive

Enclosure
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1 RESOLUTION NO. _____

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3 SPONSOR Mr. Pry

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5 DATE _____ COMMITTEE _____

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7 **A Resolution declaring the month of August 2015 Kids Month in the County of Summit**
8 **and encouraging the citizens of Summit County to join in this acknowledgement, for the**
9 **Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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37 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
38 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to declare August 2015 as
39 Kids Month in Summit County and to encourage the citizens of Summit County to join in this
40 acknowledgement;

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

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45 SECTION 1

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47 The month of August 2015 is hereby declared Kids Month in Summit County and the
48 citizens of Summit County are hereby encouraged to join in this acknowledgement.

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50 Week 1: Good Beginnings/Early Learning Week is focused on the educational need
51 for children ages 0-5

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4 SECTION 1 (cont.)

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6 Week 2: Family Week emphasizes activities and events that are geared toward
7 family engagement such as Father involvement, healthy life course model,
8 family planning and community services.

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10 Week 3: Child Wellness Week will cover comprehensive child wellness which
11 includes mental health, physical health, lead screenings, diet, exercise and
12 oral health

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14 Week 4: Child Safety Week will encourage the uses of the Safe Routes to School
15 program, car seat safety and share information from Safe Kids Summit
16 County.

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18 SECTION 2

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20 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
21 welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit, and for the further reason of immediately
22 declaring August 2015 as Kids Month in Summit County prior to the commencement of the
23 month.

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25 SECTION 3

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

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31 SECTION 4

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33 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
34 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
35 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
36 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
37 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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