



PROCLAMATION

Special Recognition of Kids Month

WHEREAS, we recognize the importance of early childhood care, education, mental and physical 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 lifelong 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 one of the worst infant mortality rates 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, David A. Basil, Mayor of the City of Hudson, Ohio, do hereby proclaim August 2016 as

"Kids Month"

in Hudson and encourage the citizens to join in acknowledging the importance of good beginnings and early learning, child wellness, family engagement, 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 19th day of July, 2016.

David A. Basil, Mayor
City of Hudson, Ohio