



***SUMMIT COUNTY COUNCIL***  
***COUNTY OF SUMMIT, OHIO***

**Transmittal:**

Date: May 15, 2018

To: City of Green

From: Jennifer A. Novakovic, Clerk of Council

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RE: Certified copy of Resolution 2018-176

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The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to distribute this Resolution to all political subdivisions within the County of Summit.

1 RESOLUTION NO 2018-176

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3 SPONSOR Ms. Shapiro

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5 DATE May 14, 2018

6 COMMITTEE Human Services

7 A Resolution declaring Friday, June 15, 2018 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day and  
8 encouraging the residents of Summit County to participate in any events and programs  
9 offered by the communities, libraries, schools, governments and private-sector  
10 organizations that are designed to raise awareness of the abuse of older persons, for the  
11 Executive, and declaring an emergency.

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13 WHEREAS, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was launched on June 15, 2006 by the  
14 International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization at  
15 the United Nations to raise awareness of the problem of elder abuse and the resources available  
16 for the protection of seniors; and

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18 WHEREAS, in February 2012, H.B. 215 was adopted, thereby naming June 15 each year  
19 as "Elder Abuse Awareness Day"; and

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21 WHEREAS, the County Executive and the County Council are committed to working  
22 together to ensure the rights of seniors residing in Summit County live safely and with dignity,  
23 free from any type of elder abuse, and are further committed to raising public awareness of elder  
24 abuse and the services available for the protection of seniors; and

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26 WHEREAS, locally, the Senior Independent Living Coalition (SILC), an initiative of the  
27 Summit 2020: A Quality of Life Project, has placed an emphasis on reducing the incidence of  
28 elder abuse/neglect and maintaining senior health; and

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30 WHEREAS, the County's Department of Job and Family Services, under the direction of  
31 the County Executive, collaborated with other Summit County agencies & departments, and in  
32 November 2015 signed a Plan of Cooperation to ensure the needs of Summit County's elderly  
33 population who are abused, neglected or exploited are met in a timely manner; and

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35 WHEREAS, in November 2015, the new Circle of Care Program, which was created as a  
36 result of the Plan of Cooperation, is a unique partnership of dedicated agencies that will protect  
37 and care for the seniors of Summit County; and

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39 WHEREAS, a Summit County Elder Abuse Interdisciplinary Team has been formed to  
40 advise adult protective services providers in planning for comprehensive services to seniors and  
41 to coordinate the community service delivery system; and

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43 WHEREAS, elder abuse includes physical abuse, emotional abuse, neglect, and financial  
44 exploitation that may lead to harm and may even result in the death of seniors; and

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46 WHEREAS, elder abuse affects seniors of all socio-economic groups, cultures, and races,  
47 and occurs across the world, nation and state, in institutional settings, and in their homes, and is  
48 committed by both caregivers and family members who seniors rely on for care; and

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4 WHEREAS, research indicates that even though more than one in ten seniors may  
5 experience some type of abuse, only one in five of these incidences are ever discovered and/or  
6 reported; and  
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8 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,  
9 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to declare Friday, June 15, 2018 as Elder  
10 Abuse Awareness Day and to encourage the residents of the County to participate in events  
11 observing that day.  
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13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the County of Summit,  
14 State of Ohio, that:  
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16 SECTION 1  
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18 The Summit County Council hereby declares Friday, June 15, 2018 as Elder Abuse  
19 Awareness Day and encourages all the residents of the County to participate in any events and  
20 programs offered by the communities, libraries, schools, governments and private-sector  
21 institutions of the County in observance of this day.  
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23 SECTION 2  
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25 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
26 welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of immediately  
27 declaring support of Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Summit County prior to the commencement  
28 of said day.  
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30 SECTION 3  
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32 The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to distribute this Resolution to all political sub-  
33 divisions within the County of Summit.  
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35 SECTION 4  
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37 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take  
38 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take  
39 effect and be in force at the earliest possible time provided by law.  
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41 SECTION 5  
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43 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating  
44 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all  
45 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,  
46 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section  
47 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.  
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5 INTRODUCED April 30, 2018  
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7 ADOPTED May 14, 2018  
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11 CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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14 APPROVED May 15, 2018  
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18 EXECUTIVE

May 15, 2018  
ENACTED EFFECTIVE

Voice Vote: 10-0 YES: Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman, Koehler, Prentice,  
Rodgers, Schmidt, Soyars, Walters, Wilhite  
ABSENT: Hamilton



**COUNCIL OF COUNTY OF SUMMIT**  
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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and  
correct copy of Resolution  
2018-176 as taken from the records on  
file in the office of the County of Summit Council.

  
Clerk of Council

