

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 2017-R43  
**SPONSOR:** COUNCIL AS A WHOLE  
**INTRODUCED:** AUGUST 8, 2017 **ASSIGNED TO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SUMMIT COUNTY’S DECLARATION OF THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2017 AS KIDS MONTH IN THE COUNTY OF SUMMIT, ENCOURAGING THE CITIZENS OF SUMMIT COUNTY TO JOIN IN THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, we recognize the importance of early childhood care, education, health, behavioral health, family support, special needs and early interventions; 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, the promotion and implementation of strategies through the Safe Routes to Schools Program, Cribs for Kids, Safe Sitters, use of car seats and bike helmets helps to 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; and

WHEREAS, Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information, that it is necessary and in the best interest of the City of Green to support the declaration of August 2017 as Kids Month in Summit County and to encourage the citizens of Summit County to join in this acknowledgement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN, COUNTY OF SUMMIT, AND STATE OF OHIO THAT:**

**SECTION ONE:**

The City of Green supports the declaration by Summit County of August 2017 as Summit Kids Month and encourages the citizens of Green to join in this acknowledgement.

Week 1            New Beginnings Week is focused on the educational needs of children ages 0-5.

Week 2            Health and Wellness Week will cover comprehensive child wellness which includes mental health, physical health, lead screenings, diet, exercise and oral health.

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Week 3            Family Week emphasizes activities and events that are focused on family engagement such as father involvement, healthy life course model, family planning and community services.

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

**SECTION TWO:**

The City of Green finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in open meetings of this Council and any deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

**SECTION THREE:**

Council declares this to be an emergency immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Green and for the further reason of immediately supporting the declaration of August 2017 as Kids Month in Summit County. Provided that this legislation receives the affirmative vote of three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) of the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time allowed by law.

ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_

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Molly Kapeluck, Clerk

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Chris Humphrey, Council President

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

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Gerard M. Neugebauer, Mayor

ENACTED EFFECTIVE: \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

ON ROLL CALL:	Ahlstrom	Dyer	Knodel	Humphrey
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Molly Kapeluck, Clerk