

1 RESOLUTION NO.: 2016-165

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3 SPONSOR: Mr. Pry, Council of the Whole

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5 DATE May 9, 2016 COMMITTEE Committee of the Whole

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8 **A Resolution adopting a Health in All Policies approach that systematically takes into**  
9 **account the health implications of decisions in order to improve population health and**  
10 **health equity, for the Executive and Council, and declaring an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, the County of Summit and its residents face a growing burden of  
13 largely preventable chronic illnesses such as heart disease, stroke, cancers, mental illness,  
14 substance abuse, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (“COPD”), obesity and diabetes;  
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17 WHEREAS, the burden of chronic illness and life expectancy vary significantly  
18 across neighborhoods, communities, and populations, often based on race, ethnicity, gender,  
19 age, religion, disability, or sexual orientation; and

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21 WHEREAS, even relatively well-off Summit County residents who do not smoke  
22 and are not overweight tend to experience inferior health in comparison with like persons in  
23 other wealthy countries, affecting all age groups for multiple diseases, injuries, and both  
24 biological and behavioral risk factors; and

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26 WHEREAS, people in disadvantaged communities often have fewer resources for  
27 health, which is reflected in significantly higher burdens of chronic illness, worse health  
28 outcomes, and shorter life expectancies; and

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30 WHEREAS, the health and well-being of all people is a critical element in  
31 supporting a healthy and prosperous County of Summit, including economic sustainability,  
32 increasing workforce participation and productivity, and slowing the ongoing rise in medical  
33 care expenditures; and

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35 WHEREAS, the physical, economic, and social environments in which people live,  
36 learn, work, and play influence the adoption of healthy lifestyles by making it more or less  
37 difficult for individuals to choose behaviors that promote or diminish health; and

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39 WHEREAS, these environments are significantly influenced by policies developed  
40 by Summit County Council and various County departments and offices relating to food  
41 access, housing, transportation, education, air quality, public safety, parks, criminal justice,  
42 employment, economic development, and other policy areas; and

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44 WHEREAS, creating and sustaining healthy communities requires collaboration  
45 among government agencies, businesses, and community-based organizations; and

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4 WHEREAS, strategies to create healthy communities provide shared benefits by  
5 simultaneously supporting improved air and water quality, protecting natural resources and  
6 agricultural lands, increasing the availability and affordability of housing, improving  
7 infrastructure systems, and planning sustainable communities; and

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9 WHEREAS, tools such as community-wide assessments and health impact  
10 assessments exist for identifying physical, economic, and social barriers to health  
11 improvement and for measuring the impact of policy decisions on these barriers, and

12 WHEREAS, identified health issues can best be addressed through collaboration and  
13 integrated environmental, social and health improvement policies; and

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15 WHEREAS, the Health in All Policies approach uses health as a linking factor in  
16 bringing people together from across sectors to address major societal issues, focus on  
17 shared benefits, and develop win-win strategies, and

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19 WHEREAS, the Health in All Policies approach is an integrated approach to achieve  
20 better health outcomes and greater sustainability by incorporating a health aspect into policy  
21 development across all sectors of the community, both public and private; and

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23 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent  
24 information, that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to adopt a Health in  
25 All Policies approach to decide all policy decisions;

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

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30 SECTION 1

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32 This Council hereby adopts a Health in All Policies approach to systematically take  
33 into account the health implications of decisions in order to improve population health and  
34 health equity. Further, this Council encourage all public officials, community and business  
35 leaders to adopt a Health in All Policies in their policy decisions.

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37 SECTION 2

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39 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety,  
40 and welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit and for the further reason of  
41 immediately implementing a Health In All Policies approach to ensure the health and safety  
42 of all Summit County residents.

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SECTION 3

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

SECTION 4

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

INTRODUCED April 25, 2016

ADOPTED May 9, 2016

  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED May 10, 2016

  
EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE May 10, 2016

Voice Vote: 8-0 YES: Crawford, Feeman, Prentice, Rodgers, Schmidt, Shapiro, Walters, Wilhite  
ABSENT: Donofrio, Kostandaras, Lee