

RESOLUTION NO. 50 -2015

Offered by All of Council

A RESOLUTION IN ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND SUPPORT OF SUMMIT COUNTY'S DECLARATION OF THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2015 AS KIDS MONTH AND ENCOURAGING THE CITIZENS AND BUSINESSES OF THE VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD TO JOIN IN THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, this Council recognizes the importance of early childhood care, education, health, behavioral 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 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, and the use of car seats and bike helmets reduce preventable injuries to children; and

WHEREAS, we are committed to reducing infant mortality in Summit County because Ohio has the 11th worst infant mortality rate 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, for the foregoing reasons, this Council acknowledges and supports Summit County's declaration that August 2015 is Kids Month in Summit County and encourages the citizens, businesses and visitors of the Village of Richfield to join in this acknowledgement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Richfield, Summit County, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. The month of August 2015 is hereby declared Kids Month in Summit County and the citizens of Richfield are hereby encouraged to join in this acknowledgement and to support the following:

- Week 1: Good Beginnings/Early Learning Week is focused on the educational needs for children ages 0-5.
- Week 2: Family Week emphasizes activities and events that are geared toward family engagement, such as father involvement, healthy life course model, family planning and community services.
- Week 3: Child Wellness Week will cover comprehensive child wellness which includes mental health, physical health, lead screenings, diet, exercise and oral health.
- Week 4: Child Safety Week will encourage the uses of the Safe Routes to School program and car seat safety, and share information from Safe Kids Summit County.

SECTION 2. 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 legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary in order to demonstrate Council's support for the declaration of Summit County that August 2015 is Kids Month in Summit County prior to the commencement of the month; wherefore, provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of Council elected or appointed, it shall take effect immediately upon its passage and execution by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 7-21-15

Rich D'Amico
President of Council

Bobbie Besham
Mayor

Dated: 7/21/15

ATTEST:
Carolyn E. Sullivan
Clerk of Council