

RESOLUTION 73-2018

Offered by All of Council _____

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE SUMMIT COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES LEVY ON THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018 BALLOT

WHEREAS, Summit County Children Services (SCCS) is seeking voter approval of a 2.25-mill renewal levy with a 1 mill increase on the November 6, 2018 ballot; and,

WHEREAS, SCCS received 10,723 total intake calls in 2017 relative to the well-being of children; and,

WHEREAS, SCCS provided services to 9,719 children in 2017, which is 1 out of every 12 children in Summit County; and,

WHEREAS, despite seeing a decrease of \$58.6 million since 2008, SCCS provides exceptional services to children and families in Summit County while having a 36% increase in the number of children in its custody since 2012, largely impacted by the ongoing opioid crisis; and,

WHEREAS, after tens of millions of dollars in cuts to funding, continued progress in child welfare depends on passing the levy; and,

WHEREAS, without a levy, SCCS must cut 34% of its staff and reduce its budget by 20%, as well as eliminate and reduce essential programs that have a direct positive impact on the children and families of Summit County; and,

WHEREAS, SCCS has not asked for a levy increase in 30 years and has twice reduced its levy amount; and,

WHEREAS, the levy increase will cost the average (\$100,000) homeowner less than 10 cents per day or \$35 per year;

WHEREAS, the futures of the children of Summit County depend upon the quality of our children services agency.

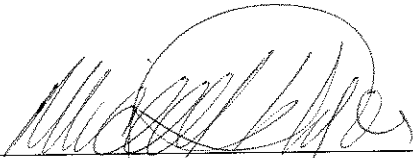
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Richfield Village Council:

That the Richfield Village Council supports Summit County Children Services as an important community partner in providing services which address the safety and welfare of children; and,

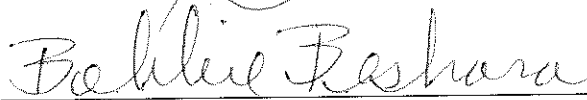
That the Richfield Village Council believes Summit County Children Services effectively manages its resources and that passage of a levy

renewal with a modest increase will further positive changes and gains to help strengthen Summit County's future by protecting the safety and welfare of the children of Summit County; and,

That the Richfield Village Council hereby invests in the children of Summit County by endorsing Summit County Children Services' levy issue on the November 6, 2018 ballot and authorizes Summit County Children Services to use the name of Richfield Village Council for advertisements and general publicity purposes related to the levy campaign.



Michael Lyons, President



Bobbie Beshara, Mayor



Council Clerk

9/18/18

Date