

## RESOLUTION NO. 51-2014

Offered by All of Council

A RESOLUTION IN ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND SUPPORT OF SUMMIT COUNTY'S DECLARATION OF THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2014 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, kindergarten readiness is an investment 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, health and wellness programs strive to ensure that children are protected from diseases which can cause serious illness, permanent damage or death; and

WHEREAS, Ohio has the 11<sup>th</sup> worst infant mortality rate in the nation and infant deaths in the African American community in Summit County occur at the second worst rate in the U.S.; 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, through Summit County's First Things First Initiative, our community 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 2014 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 2014 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 Kindergarten Readiness Week is focused on Kindergarten Readiness for children ages 0-5.

- Week 2 Child Wellness Week will cover comprehensive child wellness which includes mental health, physical health, lead screenings, diet, exercise and oral health.
- Week 3 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 4 Child Safety Week will encourage the uses of the Safe Routes to School program, and share information from Safe Kids Summit County, such as proper car seat and bike helmet use.

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 2014 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: 6-3-2014

*Rick Anderson*  
President of Council

*Barbara Barbara*  
Mayor

Dated: 6-10-14

ATTEST:

*Rebecca A. Garner*  
Clerk of Council