

RESOLUTION NO. 47-2013

Offered by All of Council

**A RESOLUTION IN ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND SUPPORT OF SUMMIT COUNTY'S DECLARATION OF THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2013 AS SUMMIT KIDS MONTH IN THE COUNTY OF SUMMIT 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 are nearly doubles the rate of other populations; and

WHEREAS, the Summit County's 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 2013 is Summit 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. That this Council acknowledges and supports Summit County's declaration that the month of August 2013 is Summit Kids Month in Summit County and encourages citizens, businesses, and visitors of the Village of Richfield to join in this acknowledgement.

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 2013 is Summit 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: 7/16/2013

Rick Hedrick  
President of Council

Bobley Basler  
Mayor

Dated: 7-16-13

ATTEST:

Asia Spraggins  
Clerk of Council



# COUNTY OF SUMMIT, OHIO

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June 17, 2013

Mayor Bobbie Beshara  
Mayor of Richfield  
4410 W. Streetsboro Rd., PO Box 387  
Richfield, OH 44286

Dear Mayor Beshara

I am asking you to join me in declaring the month of August 2013 as Summit Kids Month in Summit County.

Over the last five years, the First Things First initiative has identified many important issues facing the children of Summit County. Coalition members, which include Juvenile Court, Children Services Board, Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Board, Akron Public Schools, Akron Summit Community Action, Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority, Developmental Disabilities Board, Summit County Public Health, Akron Summit County Public Library, Summit Educational Service Center, Summit Education Initiatives and Child Guidance and Family Solutions, have designed innovative programming and created new successful collaborations. Building on the success of Summit for Kids, these early childhood initiatives will be highlighted during the month of August.

Each week during Summit Kids Month, we will highlight important issues facing the youth of Summit County; the first week will focus on kindergarten readiness, the second week will focus on health and wellness, week three will be the Summit for Kids symposium, luncheon and expo, and the final week will reach out into the community and talk about infant mortality and the ways we can lower our number of deaths.

I believe we must work together to make all citizens aware of the critical issues facing our children. Together we can create a brighter future for our children and our community. Please join me and partner with communities across Summit County in providing a brighter future for our kids.

Thank you for adding to the success of Summit Kids Month.

Sincerely,

Russell M. Pry  
Executive

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