RESOLUTION NO. 2018-176

SPONSOR Ms. Shapiro

DATE May 14, 2018 COMMITTEE Human Services

**A Resolution declaring Friday, June 15, 2018 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day and encouraging the residents of Summit County to participate in any events and programs offered by the communities, libraries, schools, governments and private-sector organizations that are designed to raise awareness of the abuse of older persons, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

WHEREAS, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was launched on June 15, 2006 by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization at the United Nations to raise awareness of the problem of elder abuse and the resources available for the protection of seniors; and

WHEREAS, in February 2012, H.B. 215 was adopted, thereby naming June 15 each year as "Elder Abuse Awareness Day"; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive and the County Council are committed to working together to ensure the rights of seniors residing in Summit County live safely and with dignity, free from any type of elder abuse, and are further committed to raising public awareness of elder abuse and the services available for the protection of seniors; and

WHEREAS, locally, the Senior Independent Living Coalition (SILC), an initiative of the Summit 2020: A Quality of Life Project, has placed an emphasis on reducing the incidence of elder abuse/neglect and maintaining senior health; and

WHEREAS, the County's Department of Job and Family Services, under the direction of the County Executive, collaborated with other Summit County agencies & departments, and in November 2015 signed a Plan of Cooperation to ensure the needs of Summit County's elderly population who are abused, neglected or exploited are met in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, in November 2015, the new Circle of Care Program, which was created as a result of the Plan of Cooperation, is a unique partnership of dedicated agencies that will protect and care for the seniors of Summit County; and

WHEREAS, a Summit County Elder Abuse Interdisciplinary Team has been formed to advise adult protective services providers in planning for comprehensive services to seniors and to coordinate the community service delivery system; and

WHEREAS. elder abuse includes physical abuse, emotional abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation that may lead to harm and may even result in the death of seniors; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse affects seniors of all socio-economic groups, cultures, and races, and occurs across the world, nation and state, in institutional settings, and in their homes, and is committed by both caregivers and family members who seniors rely on for care; and

WHEREAS, research indicates that even though more than one in ten seniors may experience some type of abuse, only one in five of these incidences are ever discovered and/or reported; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information, that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to declare Friday, June 15, 2018 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day and to encourage the residents of the County to participate in events observing that day.

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

SECTION 1

The Summit County Council hereby declares Friday, June 15, 2018 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day and encourages all the residents of the County to participate in any events and programs offered by the communities, libraries, schools, governments and private-sector institutions of the County in observance of this day.

SECTION 2

This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of immediately declaring support of Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Summit County prior to the commencement of said day.

SECTION 3

The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to distribute this Resolution to all political sub-divisions within the County of Summit.

SECTION 4

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 possible time provided by law.

SECTION 5

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.

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ADOPTED May 14, 2018

CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED May 15, 2018

EXECUTIVE

May 15, 2018
ENACTED EFFECTIVE

Voice Vote: 10-0 YES: Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman, Koehler, Prentice, Rodgers, Schmidt, Soyars, Walters, Wilhite
ABSENT: Hamilton

**COUNCIL OF COUNTY OF SUMMIT**
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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution no. 2018-176 as taken from the records on file in the office of the County of Summit Council.

Clerk of Council