

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2013-0166

Sponsored by: **County Executive FitzGerald/Department of Health and Human Services/Cuyahoga Job and Family Services**

A Resolution proclaiming the month of August 2013 as Child Support Awareness Month in Cuyahoga County: "Support is Key", and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

WHEREAS, the County Executive/Department of Health and Human Services/Cuyahoga Job and Family Services recommends proclaiming the month of August 2013 as Child Support Awareness Month in Cuyahoga County, using this year's statewide theme - "*Support is Key*"; and,

WHEREAS, children rely on both parents to help them grow up safe and healthy as they strive to achieve their full potential; and,

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga Job and Family Services/Office of Child Support Services is committed to the best interests of children in our community by ensuring the financial responsibility of parents, supporting child well-being and promoting healthy relationships; and,

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga Job and Family Services/Office of Child Support Services provides many important services, which include collecting child support for families, establishing the legal relationship between children and their parents, enforcing court orders and determining health insurance coverage; and,

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga Job and Family Services/Office of Child Support Services pursues partnerships and collaborations with many organizations, all of which are key to the child support program's success, including the courts and justice system, jobs and financial education programs, responsible fatherhood programs, and employers, who collect nearly \$1.4 billion in child support payments in Ohio each year; and,

WHEREAS, through the efforts of the Cuyahoga Job and Family Services/Office of Child Support Services and its partners and collaborations, many children's lives are brighter because of the following CY 2012 accomplishments:

- Provided 6,543 children with legal fathers through paternity establishment;
- Recovered \$10.5 million in public assistance reimbursement for State of Ohio taxpayers; and

- Collected \$237 million for families, of which 73 percent is collected by employers; and,

WHEREAS, the theme for Child Support Awareness Month is "Support is Key" to a child's emotional, social, and academic success; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order to ensure timely recognition of this celebration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby supports and proclaims August 2013 as Child Support Awareness Month in Cuyahoga County: "Support is Key".

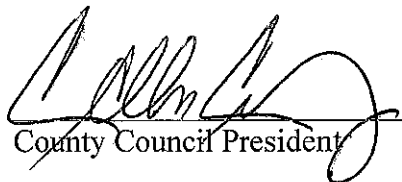
SECTION 2. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order to ensure timely recognition of this celebration. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the 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.

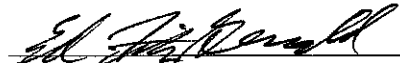
On a motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Germana, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas: Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Rogers, Simon and Connally


Nays: None


County Council President

7-23-13
Date


County Executive

7/30/13
Date


Clerk of Council

7/23/2013
Date

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