WHEREAS, the County Executive/Department of Health and Human Services/ Cuyahoga Job and Family Services (“CJFS”) has recommended three (3) Title IV-D Cooperative Agreements with various providers, in the total amount not-to-exceed $11,696,886.76, for child support services for the period 1/1/2017 - 12/31/2017 as follows:

a) Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas/Division of Domestic Relations in the amount not-to-exceed $4,057,624.95;

b) Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas/Division of Juvenile Court in the amount not-to-exceed $3,770,477.25; and

c) Cuyahoga County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office in the amount not-to-exceed $3,868,784.56.

WHEREAS, the Title IV-D Cooperative Agreements are mandated by O.R.C. 3125.14, and the Ohio Department of Jobs and family Services (ODSFS) regulations in order to specify the services, which will be rendered by each of these three (3) entities pertaining to the establishment, modification and enforcement of child support obligations, in accordance with applicable child support regulations; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of these cooperative agreements are to enable the County to recover the 61%, or up to $7,135,100.92, Federal Financial Participation (“FFP”) reimbursement portion of the expenses incurred by the Domestic Relations Court, Juvenile Court, and the County Prosecutor’s Office in providing these Title IV-D services to CJFS Office of Child Support Services; and

WHEREAS, this dollar amount is reimbursed to the County General Fund to offset the expenditures of these three (3) agencies; and
WHEREAS, these agreement costs will be funded 61% by Federal Financial Participation (“FFP”) Funds, 19% from HHS Levy funds, 13% from Revenue Fees Collected, and 7% from State funds; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue and to provide for the usual, daily operation of a County entity.

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

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby authorizes Title IV-D Cooperative Agreements with various providers, in the total amount not-to-exceed $11,696,886.76, for child support services for the period 1/1/2017 - 12/31/2017 as follows:

a) Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas/Division of Domestic Relations in the amount not-to-exceed $4,057,624.95;

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c) Cuyahoga County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office in the amount not-to-exceed $3,868,784.56.

SECTION 2. That the County Executive is hereby authorized to execute the agreements and all other documents consistent with this Resolution.

SECTION 3. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual, daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. 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 4. 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 Ms. Conwell, seconded by Mr. Brady, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas: Schron, Conwell, Jones, Brown, Hairston, Simon, Baker, Miller, Tuma, Gallagher and Brady

Nays: None

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County Council President     Date

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County Executive            Date

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Clerk of Council            Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: March 14, 2017
Committee Assigned: Health, Human Services & Aging

Additional Sponsorship Requested on the Floor: March 28, 2017

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