

**RESOLUTION NO. 140-2023
SPONSORED BY: MRS. BAILEY**

**TITLE: SUPPORT FOR ISSUE #17
COUNTY OF SUMMIT DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES BOARD**

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO SUPPORT ISSUE 17, SUMMIT DD'S SIX YEAR REPLACEMENT OPERATING LEVY, AND ENSURING THAT OVER FIVE THOUSAND CHILDREN AND ADULTS IN OUR COMMUNITY CONTINUE RECEIVING MANDATED AND NECESSARY SERVICES THROUGHOUT THIS CURRENT DECADE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board for over fifty years has provided vital services for the health and wellbeing of our neighbors with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Summit DD has relied on only one supporting levy, voted on every six years, to provide services needed by over Five Thousand Children and Adults in our community; and

WHEREAS, some of the services supporting our neighbors with developmental disabilities presently includes Early Intervention support for the children of more than 700 families; support for more than 1,300 school age children, assistance to more than 2,600 adults working and living independently in our country, overseeing more than 800 area disability service providers, and supporting the special Olympic athletes wanting to prove what they can accomplish; and

WHEREAS, Issue #17 will be submitted to the voters on November 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Issue #17 will replace an 18-year-old levy and permit the above referenced services and numerous others to continue uninterrupted for the next six years at an increased cost of \$3.58 a month per \$100,000.00 of current appraised value, which is before the new property assessments take effect in 2023; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Barberton, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Council of the City of Barberton hereby encourages our residents to support their neighbors who had or have children with developmental disabilities by supporting Summit DD's replacement levy and voting **YES on ISSUE #17**.

SECTION 2. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, convenience and welfare of the City of Barberton and the inhabitants thereof, for the reason that it is needed prior to the November 7, 2023, general election, and provided it receives the necessary votes required by the City Charter, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval; otherwise to be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed October 23, 2023

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Approved _____ 2023

Mayor