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Presented by: Mrs.

RESOLUTION NO. 49-2017

TITLE: AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF BARBERTON AS BEING AN “AUTISM FRIENDLY” COMMUNITY, AS DEFINED BY THE AUTISM CENTER OF GREATER AKRON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder (“ASD”) is the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States where over 3.5 million people live with autism as a life-long disorder; and

WHEREAS, in the 1970’s, the United States congress worked with the Autism Society of America to declare April as National Autism Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, the County of Summit embraces neurodiversity as something that enriches all aspects of a community’s life, including education, housing, cultural, and business opportunities, and

WHEREAS, this Council believes that these aspects of a community’s life also enhance economic strengths by accepting and reflecting the uniqueness of all of its citizens and treating everyone with respect and dignity; and

WHEREAS, this Council recognizes the work of the Autism Society of Greater Akron and encourages all governmental agencies, corporations, organizations, businesses, schools, public agencies, and others to join in being trained to learn about the characteristics of autism and how best to support and interact with someone with an Autism Spectrum Disorder; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information, that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to declare the County of Summit as being an “Autism Friendly” community;

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

SECTION 1. The City of Barberton is hereby declared an “Autism Friendly” community as defined by the Autism Society of Greater Akron.

SECTION 2. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were taken 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 meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 3. That this ordinance 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 necessary to immediately declare that the City is an “Autism Friendly” community and urge all of its residents to join in supporting everyone with an Autism Spectrum Disorder, 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 _____ 2017

Clerk of Council

Vice President of Council

Approved _____ 2017

Mayor