

RESOLUTION NO. 62-2016
SPONSORED BY: MRS. COBURN

TITLE: SUMMIT KIDS MONTH IN THE CITY OF BARBERTON

**A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON
DECLARING THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2016 AS KIDS MONTH IN THE COUNTY
OF SUMMIT AND ENCOURAGING THE CITIZENS OF SUMMIT COUNTY TO JOIN
IN THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, we recognize the importance of early childhood care, education, health, behavioral health, family support, special needs and early intervention; and

WHEREAS, by ensuring good beginnings through early learning we are investing in the future prosperity of our community, because high quality, early childhood education is a critical component of K-12 success and is instrumental in cultivating a skilled workforce; and

WHEREAS, the Summit For Kids Expo connects families with businesses, organizations and agencies that focus on children's programming, health, education, activities, and entertainment; and

WHEREAS, health and wellness programs strive to ensure that comprehensive physical and mental health needs of children in Summit county are being addressed; and

WHEREAS, promotion and implementation of strategies through the Safe Routes to Schools Program, Cribs for Kids, Safe Sitters, use of car seats and bike helmets to reduce preventable injury to children; and

WHEREAS, we are committed to reducing infant mortality in Summit County because Ohio has one of the worst infant mortality rates in the nation and infant deaths in the African American community in Summit County are nearly double the rate of other populations; and

WHEREAS, through the leadership of the First Things First Initiative, we can make a difference in the quality of life, health, well-being and education of children in Summit County; and

WHEREAS, This Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information, that it is necessary and in the best interest of the City of Barberton to declare August 2016 as Kids Month in Summit County and to encourage the citizens of Barberton to join in this acknowledgement;

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 recognizes August 2016 as Kids Month in Summit County and the citizens of Summit County are hereby encouraged to join in this acknowledgement.

- Week 1: Good Beginnings/Early Learning Week is focused on the educational needs of children ages 0-5.
- Week 2: Child Wellness Week will cover comprehensive child wellness which includes mental health, physical health, lead screenings, diet, exercise and oral health.
- Week 3: Family Week emphasizes activities and events that are focused on family engagement such as father involvement, healthy life course model, family planning and community services.
- Week 4: Child Safety Week will encourage the uses of the Safe Routes to School program, car seat safety and share information from Safe Kids Summit County to prevent childhood injuries.

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 it needs to be prior to the commencement of the month, 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 the after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed _____ 2016

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Approved _____ 2016

Mayor