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4 CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO

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6 RESOLUTION NO. 14 - 2012
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9 A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE COUNCIL'S SUPPORT
10 FOR THE SUMMIT COUNTY FOOD CHARTER AS
11 PROMULGATED BY THE SUMMIT FOOD POLICY
12 COALITION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
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14 WHEREAS, Summit County is home to an economically vibrant local and regional food
15 industry that permits all residents to obtain and prepare nutritious local food; and
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17 WHEREAS, the Summit Food Policy Coalition is a local organization dedicated to
18 improving healthy food access for all Summit County residents; and
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20 WHEREAS, in 2011, the Summit Food Policy Coalition and several other local
21 organizations held the Growing Hope Food Summit in Summit County to "create a shared
22 awareness of our local food system and its gaps, launch a movement to increase access to
23 healthy food, explore ways to strengthen the local food economy and connect and begin to
24 empower Summit County residents to act collectively;" and
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26 WHEREAS, to accomplish its mission and the mission of the Growing Hope Food
27 Summit, the Summit Food Policy Coalition has developed the Summit County Food
28 Charter, aimed at guiding individual and community actions for the support of the local
29 and regional food industry; and
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31 WHEREAS, the Summit Food Policy Coalition has asked this Council to endorse and
32 support the Summit County Food Charter, in order to spur action among governments,
33 businesses and residents in Summit County to support the local and regional food
34 industry; and
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36 WHEREAS, a healthy and vibrant local and regional food industry is important to the
37 economic health, environmental health and the personal health of the residents of Summit
38 County and northeast Ohio;
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40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cuyahoga Falls,
41 State of Ohio, that:
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43 Section 1. This Council hereby endorses and supports the Summit County Food
44 Charter, promulgated by the Summit Food Policy Coalition, a copy of which is attached
45 hereto as Exhibit A, and authorizes the Mayor to take any steps which in his determination
46 are necessary and desirable to further the policy goals of the Summit County Food Charter,
47 including, but not limited to, executing the same on behalf of the City.
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49 Section 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning
50 and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this
51 Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted
52 in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal
53 requirements, to the extent applicable, including Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances.
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55 Section 3. This resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for
56 the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, convenience and welfare of the City of
57 Cuyahoga Falls and the inhabitants thereof, and provided it received the affirmative vote of
58 two-thirds of the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in
59 force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect
60 and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law.

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Passed: 6-25-12

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President of Council

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Clerk of Council

Approved: 6/26/12

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Mayor

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EXHIBIT A

SUMMIT COUNTY COMMUNITY FOOD CHARTER

VISION: Summit County is home to an economically vibrant, local and regional food industry and all residents are able to obtain and prepare nutritious food.

TO THAT END: As a direct result of the Growing Hope Food Summit and other local research, this document is crafted to guide individual and community actions so that members of the Summit County community can support a local food system by

- Acting in ways that respect and celebrate local food cultures; and
- Understanding that our community's health and well-being benefit from growing, preparing and eating nutritious food; and
- Supporting systems that enable people in all neighborhoods and at every economic level to obtain and afford nutritious, culturally-appropriate food; and
- Educating our children and the larger community how to find, grow, prepare, enjoy and share nutritious foods; and
- Supporting small-scale agriculture, community gardening, food preservation and food production that contribute to self-sufficiency and sustainable living; and
- Spending personal and organizational resources on food grown or prepared locally, thus sustaining our local economy.

THEREFORE, this Summit County community supports these initiatives to advance the local food economy:

1. Making available nutritious, affordable food to all residents at a variety of locations that are within reasonable distance by several means of transportation.
2. Actively encouraging growing food for personal use.
3. Providing education on growing, preparing and cooking nutritious food, and encouraging eating nutritious food at home, at work, at school and at places we gather.
4. Supporting regional agriculture as a business by encouraging the distribution, sale, and purchase of locally grown, nutritious food in area markets, grocery stores, restaurants, schools, other institutions and directly from farmers.
5. Developing policies that preserve farm land, enable appropriate use of vacant urban land for agriculture, and permit the raising of animals for food production in appropriate settings.
6. Supporting farming by training new farmers and an agriculture workforce, supporting the sale of existing farms to new farmers, enacting prudent farming regulations, and encouraging best farming practices.
7. Supporting existing local food businesses and new food-related entrepreneurial opportunities through investment, incubators, micro-credit: and other financial incentives.