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CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. 10° - 2012

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SUMMIT COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION AND SUMMIT COUNTY'S APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE "MOVING OHIO FORWARD" GRANT PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, in 2010, the Ohio General Assembly enacted legislation authorizing any county with a population of over 60,000 persons to create a County Land Reutilization Corporation ("CLRC"); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of a CLRC is to acquire, renovate, rehab, demolish and otherwise acquire real property that is abandoned, vacant or blighted and to put the same back into productive use and tax status; and

WHEREAS, CLRCs were created to address, in part, the recent foreclose crisis, real estate market crisis and declining property values, all of which are exacerbated by the presence of abandoned, vacant and blighted properties in a community; and

WHEREAS, Summit County has recently enacted legislation creating the Summit County Land Reutilization Corporation ("Summit CLRC") in order to perform the abovementioned functions within Summit County, and is currently working on additional legislation to finalize the creation of the Summit CLRC; and

WHEREAS, the Summit CLRC will be primarily funded through a portion of delinquent real property tax payments and accompanying penalty and interest; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Attorney General has established the "Moving Ohio Forward" Grant Program, and has allocated \$3,780,560 of funds in that program to Summit County communities to use for demolition of abandoned, vacant and blighted residential structures; and

WHEREAS, Summit County intends to apply for the full \$3,780,560 of Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program Funds; and

WHEREAS, Summit County has stated that both the Moving Ohio Grant Program Funds and matching funds to br raised by the Summit CLRC will be distributed to all Summit County communities, including the Cuyahoga Falls, to address the abandoned, vacant and blighted properties within each Summit County community; and

WHEREAS, this Council hereby finds and determines that the presence of abandoned, vacant and blighted properties in our community has serious negative effects on the property values of residents that faithfully pay their property taxes and maintain their homes; and

 WHEREAS, this Council hereby finds and determines that the presence of abandoned, vacant and blighted properties in our community has serious negative effects on the real property tax base that supports the operations of this City; and

WHEREAS, this Council desires to express its support for both the creation of the Summit CLRC and Summit County's application for \$3,780,560 in Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, County of Summit and State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. This Council hereby expresses its support for Summit County's actions to create the Summit CLRC and to provide it with the powers and funding to acquire, renovate, rehab, demolish and otherwise acquire real property that is abandoned, vacant or blighted and to put the same back into productive use and tax status. Furthermore, this Council hereby supports the application of Summit County for \$3,780,560 in Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program funds that will be submitted to the Ohio Attorney General's Office no later than June 30, 2012.

<u>Section 2.</u> It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted 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 in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, to the extent applicable, including Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances.

Section 3. This resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, convenience and welfare of the City of Cuyahoga Falls and the inhabitants thereof, and provided it received the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon it passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law.

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President of Council

Clerk of Council

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