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3 CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO

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5 RESOLUTION NO. 3 -2016

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7 A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO
8 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S EFFORTS TO
9 REMOVE THE GORGE DAM ALONG THE CUYAHOGA RIVER,
10 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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12 WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga River is recognized as a high quality stream which flows runs
13 through the City of Cuyahoga Falls, eventually flowing through the Cuyahoga Valley
14 National Park and empties into Lake Erie, and;

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16 WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga River provides important environmental benefits and value to
17 our community and our regional park resources, and;

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19 WHEREAS, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) completed a Lower
20 Cuyahoga River Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) in 2003, and;

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22 WHEREAS, the TMDL identified the presence of low head dams in this area as the
23 primary cause of impairment to aquatic life resources, and;

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25 WHEREAS, the OEPA has been successful in bypassing the Kent Dam in 2004, removing
26 the Munroe Falls Dam in 2005, and removing the Powerhouse and Sheraton Dams in
27 Cuyahoga Falls in 2013, and;

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29 WHEREAS, the removal of the Gorge Dam directly addresses the impact of flow
30 alteration and will contribute to the restoration of riparian habitat and aquatic life
31 communities in compliance with Ohio Water Quality and Biological Criteria.

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

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36 Section 1. This Council hereby supports and agrees to participate in the Ohio
37 Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to remove the Gorge Dam along the Cuyahoga
38 River.

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40 Section 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning
41 and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this
42 Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted
43 in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal
44 requirements including, to the extent applicable, Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances.

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46 Section 3. This resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary
47 for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, convenience and welfare of the City
48 of Cuyahoga Falls and the inhabitants thereof, and provided it receives the affirmative vote

49 of two-thirds of the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in
50 force at the earliest period allowed by law.

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Passed: 4-25-16

Mary Ellen Pyke
President of Council

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Clerk of Council

Approved: 4-26-2016

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Mayor