

MARCH OF DIMES – MARCH FOR BABIES

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes - one of America's best known and respected charitable organizations founded in 1938 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, has been working to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality for more than 70 years; and

WHEREAS, in the United States today, still more than half a million babies – one out of every eight- are born too soon each year; and

WHEREAS, between 1996 and 2006, the rate of infants born preterm in Summit County increased more than 15%; and

WHEREAS, more newborns die from premature birth than any other cause and babies who survive may have long-term health problems and lifelong disabilities; and

WHEREAS, many babies are healthy because of community-level projects funded by the March of Dimes. In the past year, nearly \$200,000 in local grants have been awarded across Ohio, including \$44,500 in the Northeast Ohio region.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known by all and declared by the Council of the County of Summit, State of Ohio that:

This Council recognizes the service that March of Dimes has provided infants and families in Summit County, raising funds to protect their health and well being.

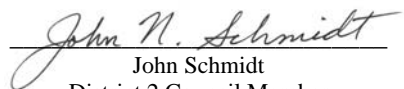
We urge all citizens to join in honoring The March of Dimes March for Babies in receiving this commendation for faithful service to Summit County this 7th day of May in the year 2011.



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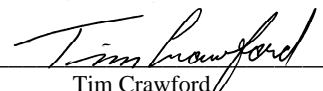
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