

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-358

First Reading Passage Requested
(Mr. Comunale)

SPONSOR Mr. Comunale, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Crossland, Mr. Kostandaras, Mr. Poda, Mrs. Prentice, Mrs. Rodgers, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Smith

DATE September 28, 2009

COMMITTEE Finance

A Resolution supporting the passage of state Issue 1 and encouraging all voters in Summit County to vote "Yes" on Issue 1, for the Veterans in the November 3, 2009 General Election, for the County of Summit Council, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, earlier this year the Ohio Legislature approved Senate Joint Resolution 1, placing on the ballot a constitutional amendment which would financially assist veterans of Afghanistan, Iraq or the Persian Gulf based on service; and

WHEREAS, the provisions outlined in Senate Joint Resolution 1 will appear on the Ohio ballot as Issue 1 at the November 3, 2009 General Election; and

WHEREAS, Issue 1 would authorize the state to issue up to \$200 million in bonds to financially assist veterans of Afghanistan, Iraq or the Persian Gulf, helping ease their transition back into civilian life; and

WHEREAS, if approved, Issue 1 would pay a bonus to veterans who served in Afghanistan, Iraq or the Persian Gulf \$100 for each month of service up to a total of \$1,000 or may receive \$1,000 if medically discharged due to combat-related disabilities; and

WHEREAS, family members of those killed in action would receive \$5,000 in addition to any other allowable compensation; and

WHEREAS, our veterans deserve to be compensated adequately for the many sacrifices they make while defending our country and its interests; and

WHEREAS, this Council has determined, after reviewing all pertinent information, that it is in the best interest of the County of Summit to encourage all voters to vote "Yes" on Issue 1, providing financial assistance to our veterans.

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

SECTION 1

This Council and the County Executive hereby support the passage of Issue 1 and encourage all voters in Summit County to vote "Yes" on Issue 1 during the 2009 General Election, which will provide financial assistance to veterans.

SECTION 2

This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to support Issue 1 and encourage the citizens of the County of Summit to vote "Yes" on Issue 1 for the November 2009 General Election.

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SECTION 3

Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.


SECTION 4

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, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

INTRODUCED September 28, 2009

ADOPTED September 28, 2009


CLERK OF COUNCIL


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED September 28, 2009


EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE September 28, 2009

Voice Vote: 9-0 YES: Comunale, Crawford, Crossland, Feeman, Kostandaras, Prentice, Rodgers, Schmidt, Smith ABSENT: Shapiro, Poda