

1 RESOLUTION NO 2010-271

First Reading Passage Requested

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3 SPONSOR Mr. Poda, Mr. Pry and Mr. Kostandaras

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5 DATE May 24, 2010 COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution supporting Ohio's Race to the Top Round Two Application in the amount of**
8 **\$400 million due June 1, 2010 to the U.S. Department of Education and encouraging school**
9 **districts and public charter schools to support Ohio's Race to the Top Plan for the Council**
10 **and the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) lays the
13 foundation for education reform by supporting investments in innovative strategies that could
14 lead to improved results for students, long term gains in school and school system capacity, and
15 increased productivity and effectiveness; and

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17 WHEREAS, the ARRA provides \$4.35 billion for the Race to the Top Fund to be
18 awarded in two phases; and

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20 WHEREAS, the Race to the Top is a competitive grant program designed to encourage
21 and reward States that have demonstrated success in raising student achievement and have the
22 best plans to accelerate their reforms in the future; and

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24 WHEREAS, Race to the Top has in Round Two \$3.4 billion available to award to as
25 many as 10 to 15 states in September, 2010; and

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27 WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Education is preparing its \$400 million second
28 round application for a federal Race to the Top grant due June 1, 2010 to the U. S. Department of
29 Education; and

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31 WHEREAS, the Race to the Top priorities generally align with Ohio's education
32 policies; and

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34 WHEREAS, in the first round application process for the Race to the Top grant, Ohio
35 was one of 16 finalist and tied for first place in the category of standards and assessments; and

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37 WHEREAS, Ohio has pledged if awarded a grant in Round Two, the majority of funds
38 will be devoted to local school districts and public charter schools; and

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40 WHEREAS, thousands more Ohio students would achieve and graduate at higher levels
41 if the state meets its four goals for Race to the Top and with full participation of local school
42 districts and charter schools; and

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44 WHEREAS, the support of local communities is critical in gathering momentum for
45 Ohio's application; and

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47 WHEREAS, Ohio has answered the call to initiate the bold and innovative reforms
48 needed to make a significant impact on student performance, increase graduation rates, and
49 eliminate the achievement gap; and

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51 WHEREAS, over the past decade, Ohio has moved education forward in spite of
52 immense challenges; and

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4 WHEREAS, Ohio has been a pioneer in holding all schools accountable and providing
5 them with data-driven decision making tools; and

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7 WHEREAS, the state will provide the supports and best practices necessary to turn
8 around persistently low-achieving schools and expand science, technology, engineering and
9 mathematics (STEM) education opportunities; and

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11 WHEREAS, the overall effectiveness of classroom instruction will be improved through
12 investments in best practices, standards and curriculum, assessments and technology; and

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14 WHEREAS, the Summit County Council and the Summit County Executive join the
15 education leadership of the state in their quest to strengthen the educational system in Ohio so
16 that all students may realize their full potential in classroom, graduate ready for college, and
17 successfully complete in the global marketplace.

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

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22 SECTION 1

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24 The Summit County Council and the County Executive strongly support Ohio's Race to
25 the Top Round Two Application and remain enthusiastic and vested partners in ensuring
26 successful outcomes for students, teachers, and schools across the state. Further, all local
27 communities are encouraged to support Ohio's Race to the Top Plan.

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29 SECTION 2

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31 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
32 welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of immediately
33 declaring

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35 SECTION 3

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

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41 SECTION 4

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43 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
44 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
45 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
46 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
47 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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CLERK OF COUNCIL


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED May 24, 2010


EXECUTIVE

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Voice Vote: 10-0 YES: Comunale, Crawford, Crossland, Feeman, Kostandaras
Poda, Prentice, Rodgers, Schmidt, Shapiro, ABSENT: Smith