

RESOLUTION NO. 50-2020

OFFERED BY: Mr. DiCarlo

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE AKRON ZOO'S 0.8 MIL LEVY RENEWAL AND 0.4 MIL LEVY INCREASE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Akron Zoo seeks support for the passage of its 0.8 mil renewal levy and 0.4 mil increase that will be on the November 3, 2020 ballot. This is the first time since the original levy passed 20 years ago that the Akron Zoo is asking for an increase, and

WHEREAS, this Council recognizes that an investment in the Akron Zoo is an investment in our community's economy, education, wildlife, and conservation. The investment increases science and STEM based education and outreach programs for children, seniors, and families. The investment also increases involvement in species survival plans and conservation programs to educate children and families and save endangered species; and

WHEREAS, since 2011, attendance at the Akron Zoo has grown over 14.7%, with 40% of their guests being from Summit County. The number of jobs supported throughout Summit County has grown by nearly 40%, and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Akron Zoo served 81 school districts in Northeast Ohio, welcomed 35,404 school children for class field trips, provided 131 on grounds programs to over 6,420 people, and reached over 44,850 individuals through outreach programming, and

WHEREAS, the Akron Zoo also gives back to every household in Summit County by granting free admission during their Summit County Community Appreciation Days, and

WHEREAS, Council wishes to express its support of the Akron Zoo by supporting the passage of the levy renewal and levy increase that will be on the ballot on November 3, 2020.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Reminderville, County of Summit, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. The Council for the Village of Reminderville hereby expresses its support for the passage of the renewal levy and the levy increase benefiting the Akron Zoo.

SECTION 2. The Council finds and determines that all formal action by this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, comfort, convenience, and general welfare of the inhabitants of the Village of Reminderville, to wit: to insure timely support, and if this Resolution receives the necessary number of votes, it shall take effect and be in force after its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed:

Sam Alonso, Mayor

Attestation:

Stacey Task
Clerk of Council

I, Stacey Task, Clerk of Council of the Village of Reminderville, Summit County, Ohio do hereby certify that the foregoing **RESOLUTION 50-2020** was duly and regularly passed by the Council of the Village of Reminderville at a regular meeting of Council on the _____ day of _____, 2020.

Stacey Task
Clerk of Council