

The Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, met this day in regular session with the following members present:

Commissioners: Aufuldish, Sines and Troy

Commissioner Troy presented the following resolution and moved its adoption.

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL AS NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH AND CELEBRATING ITS 2012 THEME "HEALTHY COUNTIES, HEALTHY FAMILIES"

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all the deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal actions, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code, and

WHEREAS, the nation's 3,068 counties provide a variety of essential public services to communities serving more than 300 million Americans; and

WHEREAS, Lake County and all counties take seriously their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in sensible and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, county governments are essential to America's healthcare system and are unique in their responsibility to both finance and deliver health services through public hospitals and clinics, local health departments, long-term care facilities, mental health services and substance abuse treatment, and coverage programs for the uninsured; and

WHEREAS, National Association of Counties President Lenny Eliason is encouraging counties to promote healthy living and lifestyle choices in communities across the country through his 2011-12 "Healthy Counties" presidential initiative. Each year since 1991, the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to actively promote their own programs and services to the public they serve; and

WHEREAS, Lake County recognizes the long-term benefits associated with maintaining healthy diet, lifestyles and workplaces, in addition to the cost savings due to reduced prescription medications to address chronic conditions, reduced absenteeism that results in loss of productivity, and reduced occurrence of work-related injuries and length of rehabilitation because of policies adopted by the county; and

WHEREAS, Lake County is proud of the broad range of activities introduced to enable its employees to learn about healthy lifestyles, participate in programs that energize and exercise the mind and body, and elevate the collective consciousness about the wealth of health information available to them through their employer and through local providers; and

WHEREAS, Lake County implemented an award-winning wellness program that has received wide acceptance and participation, and encompasses activities including: an annual Health Awareness Fair, first conducted in 2007 and recording 74% participation, where employees can receive on-site health screenings and assessments by trained healthcare professionals; a Biggest Loser program begun in 2009 that encourages employees to find inspiration by teaming with co-workers to achieve weight loss goals; on-site exercise programs such as Pilates and Zumba; and providing access to the NACO Prescription Drug Discount Cards for Lake County residents; and

WHEREAS, according to a recent study, Lake County was rated among the healthiest counties in the State of Ohio, a testament to the education and resources invested in the citizens and employees throughout the county to achieve balanced, sustainable, and safe lifestyles and workplaces.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Commissioners in and for Lake County, Ohio, does hereby proclaim April 2012 as National County Government Month and encourage all County officials, employees, schools and residents to celebrate the vital role of county government in our communities and in our lives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to All Lake County Elected Officials and Department Supervisors.

Commissioner Aufuldish seconded the resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Sines and Troy

"NAYS": None

Resolution adopted,
Amy Elszasz, Clerk

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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I, Amy Elszasz, duly appointed Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by said Board on April 5, 2012 and recorded in the Commissioners' Journal, Volume 2012.

WITNESS my hand this fifth day of April, 2012, in Painesville, Ohio.



Amy Elszasz, Clerk
Board of Commissioners, in and
for Lake County, Ohio

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