

RESOLUTION 071701

Proclaiming the week of April 23-29, 2007 as Healthy Start/Healthy Families Cover Your Children Week in Cuyahoga County.

WHEREAS, children who lack health insurance are more likely to be sick as newborns; less likely to be immunized as preschoolers; less likely to receive medical treatment for injuries; and unlikely to receive well child visits. Undiagnosed and untreated medical conditions can result in long-term health problems and interfere with learning.

WHEREAS, all children should have a medical home where they can receive quality, consistent and appropriate health care, including preventative comprehensive care consisting of well-care visits, developmental screening, eye and dental care, prescription medicine if necessary as well as be cared for in toxin-free environments.

WHEREAS, the health, safety, and well-being of children is a priority in Cuyahoga County. Helping families to ensure their children serve as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem and support, which is the very foundation of our communities.

WHEREAS, Healthy Start plays a vital role to help children to grow physically and emotionally into well connected individuals of their communities.

WHEREAS, The Healthy Start Cover Your Children campaign aims to insure children up to the age of nineteen from low to moderate-income families through outreach efforts aimed at targeted populations and communities.

WHEREAS, community partners, families and other Cuyahoga County departments are teaming up to helping form partnerships with neighborhoods and local communities in the effort of insuring our children.

WHEREAS, currently there are approximately 131,000 children under age 19 covered under the Healthy Start program, of which about 45,200 are under age six. The County estimates that a significant number of children in the County are eligible for the insurance, but remain without healthcare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, is honored to proclaim the week of April 23-29, 2007 as Healthy Start/Healthy Families Cover Your Children Week in Cuyahoga County. We are pleased to officially recognize Employment & Family Services who has implemented outreach efforts on behalf of our most vulnerable citizens. We thank you for your support and dedication.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Joseph Gauntner, Director, Employment & Family Services.

On Motion of Commissioner Dimora, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Ayes: Dimora, Jones, Hagan.

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

Jeanne M. Schmotzer,
Clerk of the Board

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