

## RESOLUTION NO. 2018-69

### **A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE CITY OF KENT'S COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN A COMMUNITY HEART & SOUL PROJECT IN KENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, the City of Kent, while a desirable place to live with a long history of welcoming all, sees an opportunity for an even stronger future for its culture, economy and residents through participation in a Community Heart & Soul project; and

WHEREAS, Community Heart & Soul is a community-wide effort to promote community conversations that will help City leadership understand what matters most to all residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, the three guiding principles of Community Heart & Soul mirror the desires of City leadership when developing future plans for the Kent community: Involve Everyone, Focus on What Matters, Play the Long Game; and

WHEREAS, Community Heart & Soul has been successfully used in other communities to distill what matters most to residents into Heart & Soul Statements that provide guidance for future plans, decisions, and actions affecting the Kent community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kent is preparing to launch the OneKent Initiative, revise its Comprehensive Master Plan, and update the City Zoning Code, Kent City leaders value involvement from a broad cross-section of residents that will result in a better alignment of the City's plans with the aspirations of the members of the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, at least three-fourths (3/4) of all members elected thereto concurring:

**SECTION 1.** That the City of Kent will provide support to the Community Heart & Soul project including, but not limited to, representation on the Heart & Soul Team by City staff, a liaison from Kent City Council, office space, community meeting space, and assistance disseminating information about the project via the City web site, social media outlets and other means of communication.

**SECTION 2.** That 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 of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 3.** That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council

this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: June 20, 2018  
Date

J. Fiala  
Jerry T. Fiala  
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: June 20, 2018  
Date

ATTEST: Tara Grimm  
Tara Grimm, CMC  
Clerk of Council

I, TARA GRIMM, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

(SEAL)

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TARA GRIMM, CMC  
CLERK OF COUNCIL