

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE WESTERN RESERVE LAND CONSERVANCY AND THE FRIENDS OF CAMP CROWELL/HILAKA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts of Northeast Ohio own the approximately 336 acre property that was formerly known as the Kirby Estate and currently known as Camp Crowell/Hilaka, located partially within the Village of Richfield; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts of Northeast Ohio wish to sell the property; and

WHEREAS, the Western Reserve Land Conservancy currently has a contract to purchase the property to preserve the flora and fauna, natural habitats, streams, creeks and lakes as well as the historic structures including inventor Jim Kirby's estate which includes the registered National Record of Historic Places, the Kirby Mill; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Camp Crowell/Hilaka intend to purchase the property from the Western Reserve Land Conservancy to maintain and restore the property for public use; and

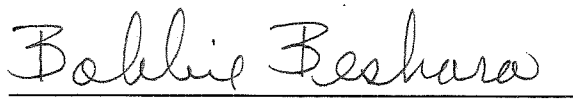
WHEREAS, the land is currently in a Conservation District which was established for the following purposes (1) to preserve and protect the values of distinctive geologic, topographic, botanic, historic or scenic areas; (2) to protect the ecological balance of an area; (3) to conserve natural resources such as river valleys and tracts of forest land; and (4) to reduce the problems created by intensive development of areas having excessively high water tables or which are subject to flooding or which are topographically unsuited for urban type uses; and

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

SECTION 1. That this Council acknowledges the historic, cultural, and environmental value of the Crowell/Hilaka property and supports the Western Reserve Land Conservancy and the Friends of Crowell-Hilaka in their efforts to purchase, preserve, and restore the property for public use.

SECTION 2. 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 legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

  
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President of Council

  
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Mayor

Passed: 10/1/13