

## WILLIAM R. ELLIS, JR.

**WHEREAS**, William R. (Bill) Ellis, Jr. has served as the editor and publisher of the Reporter Newspaper ~ dedicated to providing coverage and commentary on news, sports, entertainment and events in the African American community in the Greater Akron area and throughout Northeast Ohio since 1990; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ellis is a native of Springfield, Ohio, a graduate of Youngstown South High School, earned his bachelors degree in Political Science and History at Youngstown State University and attended the University of Akron School of Law; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ellis is a former Aquatics Director at the Youngstown West Federal YMCA, the only Eagle Scout from Troop #18 at Third Baptist Church in Youngstown, served as an honor guard at the inauguration of President Richard Nixon, is a Whitney Young, Jr. Award winner with Boy Scouts of America in Akron and proudly serves as Scoutmaster of Troup #33 at St. Andrews Church in Youngstown; and

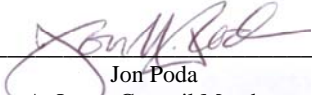
**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ellis has served as a representative on the National Newspaper Publishers Association Board and Foundation, has served as president of the Cleveland Minority Publisher's Association, participated on the National and Ohio State Assault on Illiteracy Board and is a lifetime member of the NAACP in Akron, Barberton, Canton and Sandusky, Ohio; and

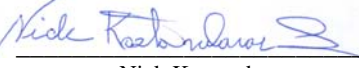
**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ellis a dedicated community servant as a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Xi Chi Chapter, Phoenix Lodge #112, Prince Hall Affiliated, Zerrububal Chapter Royal Arch Masons, Black Professionals of Cleveland, 100 Black Men of Greater Akron, and St. Paul A.M.E. Church of Akron. He is vice president of the Copley Road Merchants Association in Akron, and serves as publicity chair for the Ohio NAACP Conference of Branches; and

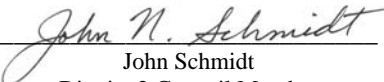
**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ellis is a dedicated husband and father of two daughters, four grandchildren and a good friend to many as he has worked to provide "a light in the darkness," recognizing and inspiring others on local, regional and national levels.


**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it known by all and declared by the Council of the County of Summit, State of Ohio that this Council wishes to express its thanks and gratitude to Mr. William R. Ellis, Jr. for his tireless contributions to this community.

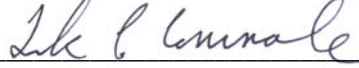
We urge all citizens to join in honoring Mr. Ellis for his commitment to public service on this 19th day of December in the year 2009.


  
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Council President

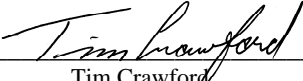
  
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