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October 14, 2022 AKRON CITY COUNCIL 13 - 0

OFFERED BY: MAYOR HORRIGAN & VICE-PRESIDENT FUSCO OMABIEN
COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

RESOLUTION NO. 279 -2022 expressing support for H.R. 82, the Social Security Fairness Act of 2021 and S. 1302, the Social Security Fairness Act; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, H.R. 82, the Social Security Fairness Act of 2021, was introduced in January, 2021, has 305 bipartisan co-sponsors, and was reported by the Committee on Ways and Means in September 2022; and

WHEREAS, S. 1302, the Social Security Fairness Act, was introduced in April, 2021, by Ohio Senator Sherrod Brown and has 40 bipartisan co-sponsors; and

WHEREAS, both H.R. 82 and S. 1302 seek to repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset, both of which reduce Social Security benefits for persons who paid into Social Security long enough to qualify for benefits, but who also worked in jobs not covered by Social Security like public employment; and

WHEREAS, these provisions practically serve to deprive low-income persons of Social Security benefits to which they are entitled; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 82 and S. 1302, if passed, will ensure that City of Akron employees who have spent or will spend time in private employment are not unfairly punished for their public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Akron:

Section 1. That Council, on behalf of the City of Akron, hereby expresses its support of H.R. 82 and S. 1302, bills that would repeal and eliminate provisions of the Social Security Act that unfairly deprive people who spend part of their career in public employment of earned Social Security benefits.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Akron’s federal Congressional Delegation, Summit County Council, and the Clerks of Council of Columbus, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Toledo, Dayton, Parma, Canton, Lorain, Hamilton, Youngstown, Springfield, Kettering, Elyria, Middletown, Cuyahoga Falls, Newark, and Lakewood.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health, safety and welfare for the reason that it is immediately necessary for this Council to express its support for legislation that will end unfair treatment of City employees, and provided this resolution receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time allowed by law.

Passed October 17, 2022

Nora R. Biviano
Clerk of Council

Raymond L. Samuel
President of Council

Approved 10/17, 2022

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MAYOR