

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2020-334

First Reading Passage Requested

2 (G. Johnson)

3 SPONSORS Ms. Shapiro & Council of the Whole

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5 DATE October 5, 2020

COMMITTEE Committee of the Whole

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7 **A Resolution declaring the month of October 2020 as National Arts and Humanities Month**  
8 **in Summit County, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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10 WHEREAS, the nation's 95,000 nonprofit arts organizations, the National Endowment  
11 for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the nation's 4,500 local arts agencies,  
12 and the arts and humanities councils of the 50 states and the six U.S. jurisdictions have regularly  
13 issued official proclamations on an annual basis designating October as National Arts and  
14 Humanities Month; and

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16 WHEREAS, ArtsNow works with arts, humanities and cultural organizations across the  
17 County to support and strengthen the region's economic and social vibrancy; and

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19 WHEREAS, the arts and humanities enhance and enrich the lives of every resident of  
20 Summit County; and

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22 WHEREAS, there are over 1,185 arts-related businesses in Summit County that employ  
23 882 people and play a unique role in the lives of individuals, families, and our 31 communities;  
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26 WHEREAS, cities, counties, and states, through their local and state arts agencies and  
27 representing thousands of cultural organizations, have celebrated the value and importance of  
28 culture in the lives of Americans and the health of thriving communities during National Arts  
29 and Humanities Month for several years; and

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31 WHEREAS, the humanities help diverse communities across Summit County explore  
32 their history and culture with the support and partnership of the National Endowment for the  
33 Humanities, the 56 state and territorial humanities councils, and local educational and cultural  
34 institutions such as Arts Now and the Akron Art Museum; and

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36 WHEREAS, the creative economy generates \$1.4 billion in the Akron Metropolitan  
37 Statistical Area, which includes Summit and Portage Counties, supports 17,608 jobs, and  
38 supplies more than \$768 million in wages and proprietor income; and

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40 WHEREAS, the creative economy drives tourism and commerce, supports American  
41 workers, and significantly contributes to the local economy; and

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43 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,  
44 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to declare the month of  
45 October 2020 as National Arts and Humanities Month in Summit County; and

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4 WHEREAS, arts and humanities organizations have been dramatically impacted by the  
5 Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic and need the support of the community  
6 more than ever; and

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8 WHEREAS, Summit County has demonstrated its support for arts, humanities and  
9 cultural organizations by allocating \$1.5 million of Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic  
10 Security Act (“CARES Act”) funds to arts, humanities and cultural organizations through the  
11 Non-Profit Grant Program;

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13 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State  
14 of Ohio, that:

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16 SECTION 1

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18 The month of October 2020 is hereby declared as National Arts and Humanities Month in  
19 Summit County, we call upon our residents to celebrate and promote the arts, humanities and  
20 cultural organizations in our nation and to specifically encourage the greater participation by  
21 those said residents in taking action for the arts and humanities in their towns and cities.

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23 SECTION 2

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25 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
26 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately  
27 declare October 2020 as National Arts and Humanities Month in Summit County.

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29 SECTION 3

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31 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take  
32 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take  
33 effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.

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35 SECTION 4

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37 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating  
38 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all  
39 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,  
40 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section  
41 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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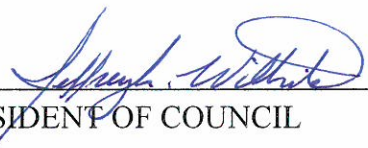
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7 ADOPTED October 5, 2020

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11 CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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13 APPROVED October 6, 2020

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17 EXECUTIVE

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19 ENACTED EFFECTIVE October 6, 2020

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Voice Vote: YES: 11-0 Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman, Koehler,  
McKenney, Prentice, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wilhite