

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-039

First Reading Passage Requested
(V. Sims)

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3 SPONSORS Ms. Sims, Ms. Walters

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5 DATE February 8, 2021

COMMITTEE Committee of the Whole

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7 **A Resolution expanding the purpose and roll of the declaration of racism as a public health**
8 **crisis and establishing additional membership of the Special Review Committee to**
9 **determine how best to promote racial equity in the County of Summit, for the Council, and**
10 **declaring an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, County Council previously adopted Resolution 2020-174 declaring racism a
13 public health crisis and establishing a Special Review Committee to determine how best to
14 promote racial equity in the County of Summit; and

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16 WHEREAS, this Special Review Committee, co-chaired by Council Member Veronica
17 Sims and Council Member Elizabeth Walters reported its findings and recommendations to
18 Council and the Executive on December 7, 2020; and

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20 WHEREAS, the report submitted by the Special Review Committee identified the need
21 to convene the Racism as a Public Health Crisis Special Review Committee with additional
22 members in the first quarter of 2021; and

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24 WHEREAS, the report stated the additional membership on the Special Review
25 Committee will seek solutions to reshape the discourse and actively engage citizens, continue to
26 build alliances with organizations confronting racism, continue to promote work to combat
27 racism across several county government functions, and advocate and draft relevant policies that
28 prioritize the health of people of color; and

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30 WHEREAS, the report recommended the work of the additional membership of the
31 Special Review Committee begin with the creation of a clear position statement for these broad
32 categories: housing, criminal justice, education, health, economic opportunity, and elder care;
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35 WHEREAS, for the reasons set forth above, this Council finds and determines, after
36 reviewing all pertinent information, that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to
37 establish additional membership of the Special Review Committee to determine how best to
38 promote racial equity in the County of Summit.

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

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43 SECTION 1

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45 This Council hereby establishes additional membership of the Special Review
46 Committee.

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4 SECTION 2

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6 The membership of the Special Review Committee shall be appointed as follows:

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8 1) Summit County Council Member Veronica Sims, Chair
9 2) Summit County Council Member Elizabeth Walters, Vice Chair
10 3) Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro or designee
11 4) Summit County Engineer Al Brubaker or designee
12 5) Summit County Fiscal Officer Kristen Scalise or designee
13 6) Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh or designee
14 7) Summit County Sheriff Kandy Fatheree or designee
15 8) Summit County Public Health Commissioner Donna Skoda or designee
16 9) Summit County Clerk of Courts Sandra Kurt or designee
17 10) Summit County Probate Court Judge Elinore Marsh Stormer or designee
18 11) Summit County Juvenile Court Judge Linda Tucci Teodosio or designee
19 12) Summit County Domestic Relations Court Judge Katarina Cook or designee
20 13) Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Amy Corrigall Jones or designee
21 14) EbaNee Bond
22 15) Marie Curry
23 16) Pastor Jeffrey Dennis
24 17) Nancy Holland
25 18) Lisa Kamlowsky
26 19) Minister Stephen Muhammad
27 20) Imokhai Okolo
28 21) Drew Reilly
29 22) Mahdhu Sharma
30 23) Barbara Sykes
31 24) Joe Tucker
32 25) Patricia Wicks

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34 SECTION 3

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36 Following the appointment and its members, the Special Review Committee shall
37 convene its first meeting no later than March of 2021 and will deliberate for a period the body
38 determines is necessary to accomplish its objectives.

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40 SECTION 4

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42 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
43 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit and for the further purpose to provide a task
44 force to address the improvements necessary to encourage environmentally sustainability in
45 Summit County.

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47 SECTION 5

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49 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take
50 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take
51 effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by the law
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SECTION 6

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 any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

INTRODUCED February 8, 2021

ADOPTED February 8, 2021

[Signature]

CLERK OF COUNCIL

[Signature]
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED February 10, 2021

[Signature]

EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE 2-10-21

Voice Vote - YES 10-0: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wilhite
ABSENT: Feeman