

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-144

First Reading Passage Requested
(Executive Shapiro)

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4 SPONSORS Executive Shapiro, Ms. Darrow, Mr. Dickinson, Ms. McKenney, Mr. Schmidt,
5 Ms. Sims & Council of the Whole

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7 DATE May 24, 2021 COMMITTEE Human Services

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9 **A Resolution declaring June 4, 2021 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the**
10 **County of Summit to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and**
11 **encouraging the residents of Summit County to join in this acknowledgment by wearing**
12 **orange on that day, for the Council, and declaring an emergency.**

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14 WHEREAS, every day, 96 Americans are killed by gun violence and on average there are
15 nearly 13,000 gun homicides every year; and

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17 WHEREAS, Americans are 25 times more likely to be killed with guns than people in
18 other developed countries; and

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20 WHEREAS, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is an elected
21 officials' highest responsibility; and

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23 WHEREAS, elected leaders and law enforcement officers know their communities best,
24 are the most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it, and are best positioned to
25 understand how to keep their residents safe; and

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27 WHEREAS, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to wear orange on June 4th, the
28 first Friday in June in 2021, to help raise awareness about gun violence; and

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30 WHEREAS, by wearing orange on June 4, 2021, Americans will raise awareness about
31 gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; and

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33 WHEREAS, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we
34 can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands, and encourage responsible gun ownership to help
35 keep our communities safe;

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

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40 SECTION 1

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42 The day of June 4, 2021 is hereby declared National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the
43 County of Summit to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and
44 encouraging the residents of Summit County to join in this acknowledgment by wearing orange
45 on that day.

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4 SECTION 2

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6 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
7 welfare of the residents and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of
8 immediately declaring June 4, 2021 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day in Summit
9 County.

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11 SECTION 3

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13 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight (8) members, it shall take
14 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise it shall take effect
15 and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.

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17 SECTION 4

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19 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
20 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
21 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
22 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
23 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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26 INTRODUCED May, 24, 2021

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28 ADOPTED May 24, 2021

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32 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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32 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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34 APPROVED May 25, 2021

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38 EXECUTIVE

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40 ENACTED EFFECTIVE May 25, 2021

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