

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-311

First Reading Passage Requested

(V. Sims)

2 SPONSOR Ms. Sims, Mr. Wilhite, Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole

3 DATE October 4, 2021

4 COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution declaring the week of October 3, 2021 through October 9, 2021 as Mental**  
8 **Illness Awareness Week in Summit County, for the Council, and declaring an emergency.**

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10 WHEREAS, mental health is part of overall health and one in five adults experiences  
11 mental health problems in any given year; and

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13 WHEREAS, approximately one-half of chronic mental illness begins by the age of 14 and  
14 three-quarters by age 24; and

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16 WHEREAS, suicide is the tenth leading cause of death in the United States and the second  
17 leading cause among young adults and 90 percent of people who die by suicide had shown  
18 symptoms of a mental health condition; and

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20 WHEREAS, early identification and treatment can make a difference in successful  
21 management of mental illness and recovery; and

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23 WHEREAS, it is important to maintain mental health and learn the symptoms of mental  
24 illness in order to get help when it is needed; and

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26 WHEREAS, every citizen and community can make a difference in helping end the silence  
27 and stigma that for too long has surrounded mental illness and discouraged people from getting  
28 help; and

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30 WHEREAS, public education and civic activities can encourage mental health and help  
31 improve the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness.

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

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36 SECTION 1

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38 The week of October 3, 2021 through October 9, 2021 is hereby declared as Mental Illness  
39 Awareness Week in Summit County, we call upon our residents to help shine a light on mental  
40 illness and fight stigma. provide support, educate the public and advocate for equal care in their  
41 towns and cities.

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43 SECTION 2

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45 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
46 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately declare  
47 the week of October 3, 2021 through October 9, 2021 as Mental Illness Awareness Week in  
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SECTION 3


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

SECTION 4

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 of 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 October 4, 2021

ADOPTED October 4, 2021

  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED October 5, 2021

  
EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE October 5, 2021

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