

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2020-030 First Reading Passage Requested

2 (I. Shapiro)

3 SPONSOR Ms. Shapiro and Council of the Whole

4 DATE February 10, 2020

5 COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution declaring the month of February 2020 as Black History Month in Summit**
8 **County, recognizing African Americans and the achievements they have made throughout**
9 **the nation's history, as well as the struggles and roadblocks they have faced and continue**
10 **to face, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency**

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12 WHEREAS, with the Civil Rights Movement and a growing awareness of black identity,
13 Black History Month evolved to an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and
14 a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history; and

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16 WHEREAS, the unforgettable contributions that African Americans have made to our
17 nation and county, as artists, scientists, educators, business people, influential thinkers, members
18 of the faith community, athletes, and political and governmental leaders, and all other walks of
19 life, reflects the greatness of the United States and Summit County; and

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21 WHEREAS, it is important that our community honor those who fought to ensure that
22 every member of society is treated equally under the law by recognizing those who came before
23 us and created this history.

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25 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
26 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit that February 2020 be
27 declared Black History Month in Summit County, and encouraging the residents of Summit
28 County to join in this acknowledgement;

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

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33 SECTION 1

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35 The month of February 2020 is hereby declared Black History Month in Summit County,
36 and the residents of Summit County are encouraged to join in this acknowledgement and
37 recognize the role that racial diversity plays in strengthening our community.

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39 SECTION 2

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41 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
42 welfare of the residents and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of
43 immediately declaring February 2020 as Black History Month in Summit County.

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45 SECTION 3

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

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4 SECTION 4

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6 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
7 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
8 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
9 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
10 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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13 INTRODUCED February 10, 2020

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15 ADOPTED February 10, 2020

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19 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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27 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

28 APPROVED February 12, 2020

29 EXECUTIVE

30 ENACTED EFFECTIVE February 12, 2020

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