

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2019-104

First Reading Passage Requested

(J. Wilhite)

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3 SPONSORS Ms. Shapiro, Council of the Whole

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5 DATE March 18, 2019

COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution recognizing March 21, 2019 as World Down Syndrome Day in Summit**
8 **County to raise public awareness of Down syndrome, recognizing the dignity, rights and**
9 **well-being of people with this condition, and encouraging the residents of Summit County**
10 **to join in this acknowledgement, for the County Council and the Executive, and declaring**
11 **an emergency.**

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13 WHEREAS, Down syndrome is a genetic condition that occurs in approximately one in
14 every 700 births; and

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16 WHEREAS, the most common form of Down syndrome, trisomy 21, is due to an error in
17 cell division, just prior to or during conception, with the 21st chromosome dividing into three
18 copies instead of two, resulting in an individual being born with 47 instead of 46 chromosomes
19 in each cell; and

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21 WHEREAS, there are more than 400,000 people of various ethnic, racial, religious and
22 socioeconomic groups with Down syndrome living in the United States; and

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24 WHEREAS, while people with Down syndrome are at a higher risk for various
25 conditions, including congenital heart defects, respiratory problems and thyroid issues, advances
26 in treatments enable them to lead healthy lives; and

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28 WHEREAS, thanks to these medical treatments and continuing research, life expectancy
29 for people with Down syndrome has increased from 25 years of age in 1983 to 60 years of age
30 today; and

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32 WHEREAS, early intervention, appropriate speech, physical and occupational therapies
33 and quality education programs enable people with Down syndrome to confront and conquer
34 cognitive delays; and

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36 WHEREAS, with these programs and the support of their families and communities,
37 people with Down syndrome are able to attend school, with many going on to college, obtain
38 full-time employment and enter into marriage; and

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40 WHEREAS, noting the significance of the triplication of the 21st chromosome, Down
41 Syndrome International has chosen the 21st day of the third month of the year, or March 21,
42 2019, as "World Down Syndrome Day" in order to raise public awareness of Down syndrome
43 and to recognize the dignity, rights and well-being of people with this condition.

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

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48 SECTION 1

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50 The day of March 21, 2019 is hereby recognized as World Down Syndrome Day in
51 Summit County and the residents of Summit County are encouraged to join in this
52 acknowledgement.

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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 of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of immediately
8 recognizing March 21, 2019 as World Down Syndrome Day in Summit County.
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10 SECTION 3

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12 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight (8) members, it shall take
13 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise it shall take effect
14 and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.
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16 SECTION 4

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18 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
19 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
20 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
21 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
22 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.
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25 INTRODUCED March 18, 2019

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27 ADOPTED March 18, 2019

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31 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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37 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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39 APPROVED March 19, 2019

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49 ENACTED EFFECTIVE March 19, 2019

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