

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2020-408

First Reading Passage Requested
(C. Dickinson)

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4 SPONSORS Mr. Dickinson, Executive Shapiro

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6 DATE December 7, 2020

COMMITTEE Committee of the Whole

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8 **A Resolution commending the outstanding job done by the Summit County Board of**
9 **Elections in managing the 2020 General Election without incident despite challenges**
10 **presented by processing, during the COVID-19 pandemic, more ballots than in any**
11 **presidential election in the history of Summit County, for the Council and the Executive,**
12 **and declaring an emergency.**

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14 WHEREAS, in the year 2020, the Summit County Board of Elections processed 283,705
15 ballots—the most cast in any presidential election in the history of Summit County—during the
16 COVID-19 pandemic; and

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18 WHEREAS, nearly 2,500 individuals were hired to staff the 420 precincts in Summit
19 County. These individuals of both Democratic and Republican parties were each responsible for
20 attending two, three hour training sessions prior to Election Day, reporting to work at 5:30 a.m.
21 on Election Day, and serving until duties were completed after the polls closed at 7:30 p.m. and;

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23 WHEREAS, these precinct election officials, temporary paid volunteers, many of whom
24 are retired seniors (a high-risk population for the COVID-19 virus) were responsible for ensuring
25 polling locations were set up properly, installing election signs at polling locations, verifying
26 voter eligibility, issuing and processing ballots from voters, and packing up all supplies after the
27 polls closed in locations such as schools, libraries, churches, and township halls throughout
28 Summit County and;

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30 WHEREAS, the Summit County Board of Elections not only managed the General
31 Election Day voting on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, but also handled Military and Overseas
32 Absentee Ballot Voting, which began September 18, 2020, (46 days prior to Election Day) and
33 Early Absentee Voting by Mail, which began on October 6, 2020, (28 days prior to Election
34 Day); and

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36 WHEREAS, the total number of mail-in ballots received by the Summit County Board of
37 Elections was 118,806 – which is the most ever in the history of the county; and

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39 WHEREAS, on October 6, 2020, (28 days prior to Election Day), the Summit County
40 Board of Elections opened its doors at 470 Grant St. in Akron for Early In-Person voting daily
41 Monday through Friday and on the two Saturdays and Sundays and the Monday before Election
42 Day; and

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44 WHEREAS, the Summit County Board of Elections' Director Lance Reed and Deputy
45 Director David Petty both first assumed their positions during the course of 2020, they are to be
46 praised for their quick on-the-job learning and effective leadership; and

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48 WHEREAS, due to the dedicated and concerted bi-partisan efforts of the Board of
49 Elections staff and booth workers, the County of Summit was able to have a successful 2020
50 General Election.

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4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council and Executive of the County of
5 Summit, State of Ohio, that:

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7 SECTION 1

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9 This Council and Executive commend the Summit County Board of Elections staff and
10 booth workers on their outstanding job managing their many responsibilities, enabling this
11 county to hold a successful 2020 General Election.

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13 SECTION 2

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15 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
16 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit and for the further reason of commending the
17 Summit County Board of Elections staff and booth workers in conducting the 2020 General
18 Election.

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20 SECTION 3

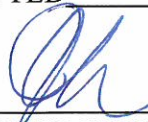
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22 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take
23 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the County Executive; otherwise it shall
24 take effect and be in force at the earliest time provided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

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26 SECTION 4

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28 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
29 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
30 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
31 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
32 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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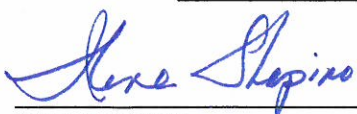
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37 ADOPTED December 7, 2020

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41 CLERK OF COUNCIL



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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43 APPROVED December 8, 2020

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47 EXECUTIVE

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49 ENACTED EFFECTIVE December 8, 2020

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