

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-083

**First Reading Passage Requested**  
**(Executive Shapiro)**

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4 SPONSORS Executive Shapiro, Mrs. Sims, Mr. Schmidt & Council of the Whole

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6 DATE March 29, 2021

COMMITTEE Human Services

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8 **A Resolution declaring the month of April 2021 as Minority Health Month in Summit**  
9 **County, recognizing the health inequalities facing minorities, and encouraging all health**  
10 **organizations to conduct appropriate programs and activities to promote healthfulness in**  
11 **minority and other health disparity communities, for the Executive, and declaring an**  
12 **emergency.**

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14 WHEREAS, National Minority Health Month was first recognized nationally by  
15 Congress in 2002 with its origin dating back to 1915 with the establishment of National Negro  
16 Health Week by Booker T. Washington; and

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18 WHEREAS, this year's theme is "Vaccine Ready," which aims to draw attention to the  
19 disproportionate impact the COVID-19 pandemic is having on racial and ethnic minority and  
20 Native American communities and highlight the need for these communities to be vaccinated as  
21 more vaccines become available; and

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23 WHEREAS, Summit County Public Health's Office of Minority Health is dedicated to  
24 providing minority health data and technical assistance to local agencies working to improve the  
25 health status of minority populations; and

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27 WHEREAS, the Office of Minority Health works to eliminate differences in health status  
28 between racial and ethnic minority and non-minority populations by providing leadership and  
29 guidance on best practices to address racial and ethnic health disparity and specific health needs  
30 of racial and ethnic minority groups; and

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32 WHEREAS, Summit County Public Health and its partners are committed to working  
33 together to ensure equitable COVID-19 vaccine distribution to the minority residents of Summit  
34 County;

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

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39 SECTION 1

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41 The month of April 2021 is hereby declared Minority Health Month in Summit County,  
42 and the residents of Summit County are encouraged to join in this acknowledgement and to assist  
43 in furthering health equity within our community.

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45 SECTION 2

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47 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
48 welfare of the residents and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of  
49 immediately declaring April 2021 as Minority Health Month in Summit County.

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4 SECTION 3

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

10 SECTION 4

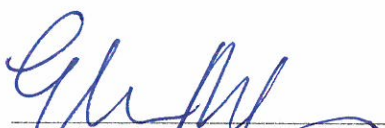
12 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating  
13 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all  
14 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,  
15 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section  
16 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

19 INTRODUCED March 29, 2021

21 ADOPTED March 29, 2021

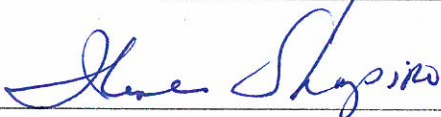
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25 CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

27 APPROVED March 30, 2021

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31 EXECUTIVE

32 ENACTED EFFECTIVE March 30, 2021

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