

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-084

First Reading Passage Requested

(Executive Shapiro)

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3 SPONSORS Executive Shapiro & Council of the Whole

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5 DATE March 29, 2021

COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution declaring the month of April 2021 as Autism Acceptance Month in Summit**
8 **County, recognizing all individuals in our community who live on the Autism Spectrum**
9 **and celebrating the numerous ways autistic individuals enhance the quality of our**
10 **communities and enrich our lives, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, Autism Awareness Month has been recognized by advocates for decades
13 and April 2nd was declared Autism Awareness Day for the first time by the United Nations in
14 2008; and

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16 WHEREAS, there are over 5 million autistic individuals living in the United States, these
17 individuals are our classmates, colleagues, friends, and loved ones. People with autism
18 contribute their strengths, talents, and abilities to their communities and Summit County as a
19 whole; and

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21 WHEREAS, people with autism are able to achieve independence and live purposeful
22 lives when afforded the support systems and opportunities that each and every one of us
23 deserves. Acceptance is often one of the biggest barriers to finding and developing a strong
24 support system; and

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26 WHEREAS, Summit County understands the importance of fostering acceptance to lead
27 to improved support systems and to achieve equity in education, employment, housing, health
28 care and comprehensive long-term services and supports; and

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30 WHEREAS, Summit County is committed to enacting and implementing policies that
31 break down the barriers to access for people with autism and other disabilities living and
32 succeeding in our community; and

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34 WHEREAS, the Autism Society of Greater Akron is recognizing Autism Acceptance
35 Month in April 2021 and encouraging residents to participate in the Celebrate Differences
36 campaign, and

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

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41 SECTION 1

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43 The month of April 2021 is hereby declared Autism Acceptance Month in Summit
44 County and April 2, 2021 Autism Acceptance Day, and the residents of Summit County are
45 encouraged to join in this acknowledgement.

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47 SECTION 2

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49 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
50 welfare of the residents and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of
51 immediately declaring April 2021 as Autism Acceptance Month in Summit County.
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4 SECTION 3

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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.

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10 SECTION 4

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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.

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19 INTRODUCED March 29, 2021

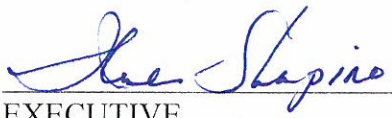
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21 ADOPTED March 29, 2021

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25 CLERK OF COUNCIL



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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27 APPROVED March 30, 2021

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31 EXECUTIVE

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33 ENACTED EFFECTIVE March 30, 2021

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