

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-142

First Reading Passage Requested
(Executive Shapiro)

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4 SPONSORS Executive Shapiro, Ms. Darrow, Mr. Dickinson, Ms. McKenney, Mr. Schmidt,
5 Ms. Sims & Council of the Whole

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7 DATE May 24, 2021 COMMITTEE Human Services

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9 **A Resolution declaring Tuesday, June 15, 2021 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day and**
10 **encouraging the residents of Summit County to participate in any events and programs**
11 **offered by the communities, libraries, schools, governments and private-sector**
12 **organizations that are designed to raise awareness of and prevent the abuse of older**
13 **persons, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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15 WHEREAS, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was launched on June 15, 2006 by the
16 International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization at
17 the United Nations to raise awareness of the problem of elder abuse and the resources available
18 for the protection of seniors; and

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20 WHEREAS, in February 2012, H.B. 215 was adopted, thereby naming June 15 each year
21 as “Elder Abuse Awareness Day”; and

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23 WHEREAS, the Executive and this Council are committed to working together to ensure
24 the rights of seniors residing in Summit County to live safely and with dignity, free from any
25 type of elder abuse, and the Executive and this Council are further committed to raising public
26 awareness of elder abuse and the services available for the protection of seniors; and

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28 WHEREAS, the County’s Department of Job and Family Services, under the direction of
29 the Executive, collaborated with other Summit County agencies & departments, and in
30 November 2015 signed a Plan of Cooperation to ensure the needs of Summit County’s elderly
31 population who are abused, neglected or exploited are met in a timely manner; and

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33 WHEREAS, in November 2015, the new Circle of Care Program, which was created as a
34 result of the Plan of Cooperation, is a unique partnership of dedicated agencies that will protect
35 and care for the seniors of Summit County; and

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37 WHEREAS, a Summit County Elder Abuse Interdisciplinary Team has been formed to
38 advise adult protective services providers in planning for comprehensive services to seniors and
39 to coordinate the community service delivery system; and

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41 WHEREAS, elder abuse includes physical abuse, emotional abuse, neglect, and financial
42 exploitation that may lead to harm and may even result in the death of seniors; and

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44 WHEREAS, elder abuse affects seniors of all socio-economic groups, cultures, and races,
45 and occurs across the world, nation and state, in institutional settings, and in their homes, and is
46 committed by both caregivers and family members who seniors rely on for care; and

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48 WHEREAS, research indicates that even though more than one in ten seniors may
49 experience some type of abuse, only one in five of these incidences are ever discovered and/or
50 reported; and

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4 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
5 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to declare Tuesday, June 15, 2021 as
6 Elder Abuse Awareness Day and to encourage the residents of the County to participate in events
7 observing that day.

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

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12 SECTION 1

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14 This Council hereby declares Tuesday, June 15, 2021 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day and
15 encourages all the residents and employees of the County to participate in any events and
16 programs offered by the communities, libraries, schools, governments and private-sector
17 institutions of the County in observance of this day.

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19 SECTION 2

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21 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
22 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of immediately
23 declaring support of Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Summit County prior to the commencement
24 of said day.

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26 SECTION 3

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28 The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to distribute this Resolution to all political sub-
29 divisions within the County of Summit.

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31 SECTION 4

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

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37 SECTION 5

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39 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
40 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
41 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
42 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
43 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.
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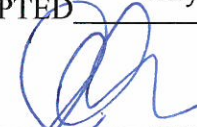
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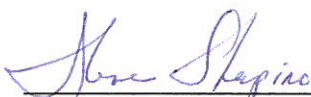


CLERK OF COUNCIL



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED May 25, 2021



EXECUTIVE

May 25, 2021
ENACTED EFFECTIVE

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