

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-210

First Reading Passage Requested

(S. Reaves)

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3 SPONSORS Executive Shapiro & Ms. Sims

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5 DATE June 28, 2021

COMMITTEE Committee of the Whole

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7 **A Resolution amending the list of holidays observed for calendar year 2021 for non-**  
8 **bargaining County employees as established by Resolution 2020-356 to add Juneteenth to**  
9 **this list of observed holidays, for the Executive and Council, and declaring an emergency.**

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11 WHEREAS, Juneteenth, also known as, National Independence Day, Emancipation Day,  
12 Black Independence Day, and/or Jubilee Day, celebrated June 19<sup>th</sup>, commemorates that date in  
13 1865 when Union Troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, more than two months after the end of the  
14 Civil War and more than two years after President Lincoln signed the Emancipation  
15 Proclamation, declaring that slavery had been abolished in the United States; and

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17 WHEREAS, Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending  
18 of slavery; and

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20 WHEREAS, on June 18, 2021, following overwhelming approval in both the United  
21 States Senate and House on June 15, 2021, and June 16, 2021, respectively, President Biden  
22 declared Juneteenth to be a national holiday in the United States, making it the first new federal  
23 holiday created in nearly four decades; and

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25 WHEREAS, on June 18, 2021, Governor DeWine declared Juneteenth to be a recognized  
26 holiday in the State of Ohio; and

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28 WHEREAS, Council has authority to establish holidays that will be observed by the  
29 County by resolution; and

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31 WHEREAS, the Executive and Council desire to have Juneteenth recognized as an  
32 official holiday for the employees of Summit County in 2021 and in recognition of that fact that  
33 it was observed on June 19, 2021, wish to give all non-bargaining employees of the County a  
34 floating holiday to be used at their discretion; and

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36 WHEREAS, the Executive and Council desire to have Juneteenth recognized as an  
37 official holiday for the employees of Summit County on its actual date of observance beginning  
38 in calendar year 2022; and

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40 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,  
41 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to establish the observance of  
42 Juneteenth as a legal holiday for calendar year 2021.

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

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47 SECTION 1

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49 The list of holidays observed for calendar year 2021 for non-bargaining County  
50 employees as established by Resolution 2020-356 is hereby amended as follows:

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52 As approved

Juneteenth

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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 reason to immediately  
8 establish Juneteenth as a legal holiday for non-bargaining County employees and to give non-  
9 bargaining employees a floating holiday in celebration thereof for calendar year 2021.

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11 SECTION 3

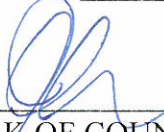
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13 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take  
14 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take  
15 effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by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

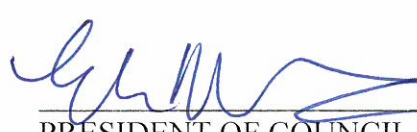
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17 SECTION 4

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19 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating  
20 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all  
21 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,  
22 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section  
23 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Codes.

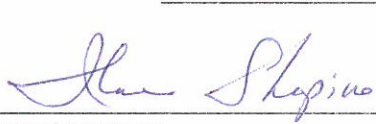
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26 INTRODUCED June 28, 2021

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28 ADOPTED June 28, 2021

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33 CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

34 APPROVED June 30, 2021

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39 EXECUTIVE

40 ENACTED EFFECTIVE June 30, 2021

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