

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-230

First Reading Passage Requested
(Executive Shapiro)

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole

4 August 2, 2021

5 DATE _____ COMMITTEE Committee of the Whole

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7 **A Resolution declaring August 28, 2021, Summit County Pride Day, in support of the Akron**
8 **Pride Festival and Equity March, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency**

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10 WHEREAS, every year, the Akron Pride Festival is held in August to unify and affirm the
11 LGBTQ+ community and allies in celebrating diversity and promoting likeness; and

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13 WHEREAS, numerous individuals, organizations, and local businesses donate their time,
14 talent, and treasure to make the Akron Pride Festival a success; and

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16 WHEREAS, the LGBTQ+ community has made significant progress in achieving equality
17 and equity; however, there is still much work to be done. It is important to recognize the struggles
18 that the LGBTQ+ community continues to face; including, youth homelessness, mental health
19 struggles, housing discrimination, and the disproportionately high homicide rate of transgender
20 individuals, especially transgender women of color; and

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22 WHEREAS, events, such as, the Akron Pride Festival are critical to the continued
23 advancement of equity for the LGBTQ+ community; and

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25 WHEREAS, the County of Summit is committed to fostering a community where all
26 individuals and families feel safe and accepted and have the opportunity to live, work, and thrive
27 alongside their neighbors; and

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29 WHEREAS, the County of Summit is proud to support the annual Akron Pride Festival,
30 which draws visitors from around the region to celebrate and enjoy the Equity March, shows, local
31 vendors, and support our local economy; and

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33 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
34 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit that August 28, 2021, be
35 declared Summit County Pride Day, in support of the Akron Pride Festival and Equity March in
36 Summit County, and encourage the residents of Summit County to join in this acknowledgement;

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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 August 28, 2021 is hereby declared Summit County Pride Day in Summit County, and the
44 residents of Summit County are encouraged to join in this acknowledgement.

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46 SECTION 2

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48 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and
49 welfare of the residents and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of
50 immediately declaring August 28, 2021, as Summit County Pride Day 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, were
15 in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22
16 of the Ohio Revised Code.


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19 INTRODUCED August 2, 2021

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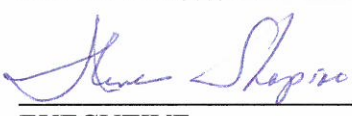
25 For CLERK OF COUNCIL



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

26 August 4, 2021

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31 EXECUTIVE

32 August 4, 2021

33 ENACTED EFFECTIVE _____

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