

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-264 First Reading Passage Requested
2 (T. Smoot)

3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole

4 DATE August 30, 2021 COMMITTEE Public Safety
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7 **A Resolution declaring the month of September 2021 as Preparedness Month in Summit**
8 **County, promoting family and community disaster and emergency preparation for the**
9 **residents of Summit County, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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11 WHEREAS, September is nationally recognized as Preparedness Month; and

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13 WHEREAS, this year's theme is "Prepare to Protect. Preparing for disasters is protecting
14 everyone you love," which aims to draw attention to the importance of protecting oneself and
15 loved ones in an event of a natural disaster; and

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17 WHEREAS, Summit County leaders recognize that no community is immune from the risk
18 of disasters; and

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20 WHEREAS, the Executive's Department of Law and Risk Management – Public Safety,
21 Division of Public Safety, Emergency Management Agency ("Summit County Emergency
22 Management Agency") is dedicated to ensuring residents of Summit County are well equipped to
23 protect themselves and their families in the face of any potential disasters and emergencies; and

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25 WHEREAS, Summit County Emergency Management Agency operates the Reverse Alert
26 program. Residents can sign up with Reverse Alert to receive emergency warnings and alerts by
27 phone, email, and devices for the hard of hearing. Reverse Alerts are disseminated when imminent
28 threats to health and safety occur in our communities; and

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30 WHEREAS, in 2020, Summit County Emergency Management Agency launched the
31 EMA Mobile Applications. The app provides emergency push notifications similar to Reverse
32 Alert, but also includes preparedness features such as the ability to create a personal emergency
33 plan to share with family and friends, free access to the NOAA weather radio system, and updated
34 traffic information and road closures from the Ohio Department of Transportation; and

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36 WHEREAS, through these programs, Summit County residents are better prepared to
37 protect loved ones in the event of an emergency; and

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39 WHEREAS, Summit County Emergency Management Agency works closely with every
40 community in the County to plan for and respond to emergencies, and coordinate resources
41 throughout the County. To aid these efforts, residents are encouraged to visit Ready.gov to better
42 understand threats and hazards, and steps they can take to prepare for emergencies and disasters;
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45 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
46 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit and its residents that September
47 2021 be declared Preparedness Month in Summit County, promoting family and community
48 disaster and emergency planning for residents of Summit County; and

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50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State
51 of Ohio, that:
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4 SECTION 1

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6 The month of September 2021 is hereby declared Preparedness Month in Summit County,
7 and the residents of Summit County are encouraged to join in this acknowledgement.

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9 SECTION 2

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11 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
12 welfare of the residents and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of
13 declaring September 2021 to be Preparedness Month in Summit County.

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15 SECTION 3

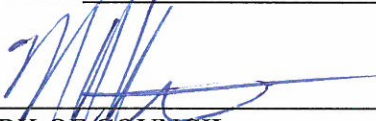
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17 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight (8) members, it shall take
18 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take effect
19 and be in force at the earliest time provided by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

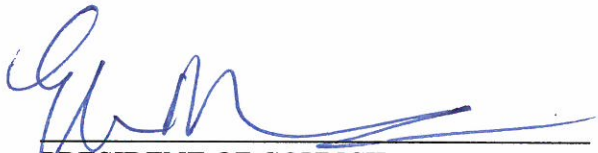
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21 SECTION 4

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

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30 INTRODUCED August 30, 2021

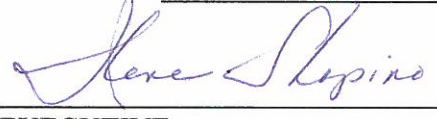
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32 ADOPTED August 30, 2021

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36 Clerk of Council



President of Council

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38 APPROVED August 31, 2021

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42 EXECUTIVE

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44 ENACTED EFFECTIVE August 31, 2021

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