

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-266

**First Reading Passage Requested**  
**(Executive Shapiro)**

2 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole

3 DATE August 30, 2021

4 COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution declaring the month of September 2021 as Recovery Month in Summit County**  
8 **and encouraging the residents of Summit County to join in this acknowledgment, for the**  
9 **Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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11 WHEREAS, each September the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through  
12 the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) sponsors Recovery  
13 Month to increase awareness and understanding of mental and substance abuse disorders and  
14 celebrate those who are recovering and in recovery; and

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16 WHEREAS, SAMHSA Recovery Month promotes the societal benefits of prevention,  
17 treatment, and recovery for mental and substance abuse disorders, celebrates people in recovery,  
18 commends the contributions of treatment and service providers, and promotes the message that  
19 recovery in all its forms is possible; and

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21 WHEREAS, in Summit County, we recognize the positive message spread by Recovery  
22 Month, that behavioral health is essential to overall health, that prevention works, that treatment  
23 is effective, and that people can and do recover, and that this is a message that should be  
24 emphasized throughout Summit County; and

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26 WHEREAS, we encourage relatives and friends of people with mental health and substance  
27 abuse disorders to implement preventative measures, recognize the signs of a problem, and guide  
28 those in need of appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and

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30 WHEREAS, we recognize that substance abuse remains a serious public health problem in  
31 Summit County and that treatment and support must be available to those who have a substance  
32 abuse disorder; and

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34 WHEREAS, the County of Summit is committed to promoting prevention, treatment, and  
35 recovery for those living with mental and substance abuse disorders and celebrating those in  
36 recovery as well as the efforts and contributions of treatment; and

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38 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,  
39 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to declare the month of  
40 September 2021 as Recovery Month in Summit County and to encourage the residents of Summit  
41 County to join in this acknowledgment;

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

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46 SECTION 1

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48 The month of September 2021 is hereby declared Recovery Month in Summit County and  
49 the residents of Summit County are hereby encouraged to join in this acknowledgement.  
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4 SECTION 2

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6 The 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 of immediately  
8 declaring September 2021 as Recovery Month in Summit County prior to the commencement of  
9 the month.

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11 SECTION 3

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13 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight (8) members, it shall take  
14 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take effect  
15 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, were  
22 in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22  
23 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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26 INTRODUCED August 30, 2021

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28 ADOPTED August 30, 2021

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33 For CLERK OF COUNCIL

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39 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

40 APPROVED August 31, 2021

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39 EXECUTIVE

40 ENACTED EFFECTIVE August 31, 2021

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