

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-286

First Reading Passage Requested
(Executive Shapiro)

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole

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5 DATE September 20, 2021

COMMITTEE Committee of the Whole

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7 **A Resolution declaring October 4, 2021 as North American First People’s Day in Summit**
8 **County, honoring the history and culture of Native Americans, acknowledging the efforts to**
9 **preserve this history in our country, in the State of Ohio, and in Summit County, and**
10 **encouraging residents to join in the acknowledgement, for the Executive, and declaring an**
11 **emergency.**

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13 WHEREAS, Summit County Council passed Resolution No. 2019-161, declaring the first
14 Monday of every October to be North American First People’s Day; and

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16 WHEREAS, the land on which Summit County was established was first occupied as long
17 as ten thousand years ago by ancestors of the Native American nations; and

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19 WHEREAS, The Lippman School of Akron has established a working partnership with the
20 nation of Northern Cheyenne of Montana to foster mutual education opportunities, and to promote
21 discernment of how modern cultures often share a history, all of which has provided learning
22 opportunities for students and families alike, and which has been shared with the Summit County
23 community by the Lippman School’s annual walks along the Portage Path; and

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25 WHEREAS, Native Americans protected land and our environment and formed tribal
26 groups that evidenced great character and who cared about and protected each other; and

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28 WHEREAS, we should honor native people because they resided here first, were pushed
29 from their lands, suffered persecution and attempts at extinction of their culture, and yet continue
30 to celebrate their unique practices; and

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32 WHEREAS, Ohio commemorates the state’s first people’s settlements and the native
33 peoples that first occupied this land through events during Ohio Archaeology Month each October;
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36 WHEREAS, North American First People’s Day honors the first inhabitants of this country
37 and offers an occasion to educate people of all ages on the history of this country; and

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39 WHEREAS, North American First People’s Day provides an opportunity to reflect upon
40 past harms inflicted upon Native Americans and acknowledge their past mistreatment, and by
41 studying this history may aid in avoiding unfair treatment of marginalized groups of people in the
42 future; and

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44 WHEREAS, North American First People’s Day honors all descendants of Native
45 Americans and tribes still active in the United States, and recognizes that, although they are often
46 overlooked, members of tribal nations continue to contribute to society and American culture.

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

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4 SECTION 1

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6 That this Council hereby expresses its respect and honor for the history, culture, and
7 contributions of Native Americans, and specifically to Summit County and Ohio, by recognizing
8 North American First People's Day on October 4, 2021.

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10 SECTION 2

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12 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
13 welfare of the residents and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of
14 immediately declaring October 4, 2021 as North American First People's Day in Summit County.

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16 SECTION 3

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

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22 SECTION 4

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

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31 INTRODUCED September 20, 2021

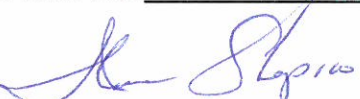
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33 ADOPTED September 20, 2021

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37 CLERK OF COUNCIL



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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39 APPROVED September 21, 2021

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43 EXECUTIVE

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45 ENACTED EFFECTIVE September 21, 2021

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