

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-287

**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 the month of October 2021 as National Arts and Humanities Month**  
8 **in Summit County, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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10 WHEREAS, the nation’s 95,000 nonprofit arts organizations, the National Endowment for  
11 the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the nation’s 4,500 local arts agencies, and  
12 the arts and humanities councils of the 50 states and the six U.S. jurisdictions have regularly issued  
13 official proclamations on an annual basis designating October as National Arts and Humanities  
14 Month; and

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16 WHEREAS, in Summit County, ArtsNow works with arts, humanities and cultural  
17 organizations across the County to support and strengthen the region’s economic and social  
18 vibrancy; and

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20 WHEREAS, the arts and humanities enhance and enrich the lives of every resident of  
21 Summit County; and

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23 WHEREAS, there are over 1,100 arts-related businesses in Summit County that employ  
24 882 people and play a unique role in the lives of individuals, families, and our 31 communities;  
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27 WHEREAS, cities, counties, and states, through their local and state arts agencies and  
28 representing thousands of cultural organizations, have celebrated the value and importance of  
29 culture in the lives of Americans and the health of thriving communities during National Arts and  
30 Humanities Month for several years; and

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32 WHEREAS, the humanities help diverse communities across Summit County explore their  
33 history and culture with the support and partnership of the National Endowment for the  
34 Humanities, the 56 state and territorial humanities councils, and local educational and cultural  
35 institutions such as Arts Now, Summit ArtSpace, and the Akron Art Museum; and

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37 WHEREAS, the creative economy generates \$1.4 billion in the Akron Metropolitan  
38 Statistical Area, which includes Summit and Portage Counties, supports 17,608 jobs, and supplies  
39 more than \$768 million in wages and proprietor income;

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41 WHEREAS, the creative economy drives tourism and commerce, supports American  
42 workers, and significantly contributes to the local economy;

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44 WHEREAS, arts and humanities organizations have been dramatically impacted by the  
45 Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic and need the support of the community more  
46 than ever;

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48 WHEREAS, Summit County has demonstrated its support for arts, humanities and cultural  
49 organizations by allocating \$1.5 million of Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act  
50 (“CARES Act”) funds to arts, humanities and cultural organizations through the Non-Profit Grant  
51 Program;

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4 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,  
5 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to declare the month of October  
6 2021 as National Arts and Humanities Month in Summit County;

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

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12 SECTION 1

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14 The month of October 2021 is hereby declared as National Arts and Humanities Month in  
15 Summit County, we call upon our residents to celebrate and promote the arts, humanities and  
16 cultural organizations in our nation and to specifically encourage the greater participation by those  
17 said residents in taking action for the arts and humanities in their towns and cities.

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19 SECTION 2

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21 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
22 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately declare  
23 October 2021 as National Arts and Humanities Month in Summit County.

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25 SECTION 3

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

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31 SECTION 4

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

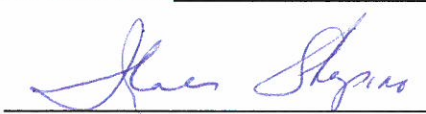
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39 INTRODUCED September 20, 2021

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41 ADOPTED September 20, 2021

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44 CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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46 APPROVED September 21, 2021

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50 EXECUTIVE

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

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52 ENACTED EFFECTIVE September 21, 2021