

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-363

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

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE November 22, 2021

COMMITTEE Planning

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7 **A Resolution declaring November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as Small Business Saturday in Summit County,**  
8 **and encouraging the residents of Summit County to support our local small businesses, for**  
9 **the Executive and Council, and declaring an emergency.**

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11 WHEREAS, the United States Small Business Association (“SBA”) has cosponsored  
12 Small Business Saturday since 2011; and

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14 WHEREAS, Small Business Saturday is meant to celebrate small businesses and their  
15 contributions to their local communities, and provide small businesses with marketing materials,  
16 industry insights, and discounts on tools and services; and

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18 WHEREAS, the 2020 Small Business Saturday Consumer Insights Survey reported an  
19 estimated \$19.8 billion in spending on average on Small Business Saturday in the United States,  
20 and 97% of shoppers reported the positive effects of shopping at small businesses; and

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22 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has negatively impacted small businesses such as  
23 restaurants, bakeries, salons, boutiques, theaters, stadiums, construction firms, dentist offices,  
24 retail stores, etc., and their employees and suppliers; and

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26 WHEREAS, the United States government passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and  
27 Economic Security (CARES) Act providing historic financial assistance to small businesses  
28 struggling during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

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30 WHEREAS, the County of Summit recognized the importance small, distributing \$12.4  
31 million in CARES Act funding through the Small Business Relief Program to over 3,000  
32 businesses in Summit County; and

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34 WHEREAS, the United States government passed the Infrastructure Investment Jobs  
35 allocating \$550 billion in new spending on roads, bridges, public transportation, electric vehicle  
36 charging stations, etc., potentially funding new projects, new jobs, and new infrastructure for local  
37 small businesses; and

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39 WHEREAS, the Executive and this Council wish to share in this collective celebration and  
40 support for local small businesses during the economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic;  
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43 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information  
44 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to declare November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as Small  
45 Business Saturday in Summit County and to encourage the residents of Summit County to support  
46 local small businesses;

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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 The day of November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 is hereby declared Small Business Saturday in Summit  
7 County, and the resident of Summit County are encouraged to support local small businesses.

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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 of the County of Summit, and for the further purpose to immediately spread  
13 awareness for Small Business Saturday prior to November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

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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.

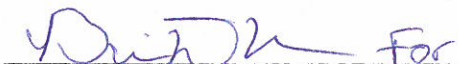
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30 INTRODUCED November 22, 2021

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36 CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
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38 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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40 APPROVED November 22, 2021

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43 EXECUTIVE

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