RESOLUTION NO. 2022-047

SPONSOR expedt Shapiro & Council as a Whole

DATE February 28, 2022 COMMITTEE Human Services

A Resolution declaring the month of March 2022 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in Summit County, and recognizing persons with developmental disabilities, as well as the struggles and roadblocks they have faced and continue to face, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities celebrates March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month with an annual campaign to raise awareness and increase the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all areas of life, with the intention to highlight the barriers that inhibit people with disabilities from connecting to the communities in which they live; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize that the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities creates strong, diverse communities where all residents feel welcomed and valued; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council and the Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board participate in Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month by hosting events and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, these initiatives include Inclusion Day on March 7, 2022, on which the Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board celebrates by turning Summit County orange through clothes, stickers, signs, and social media posts, as well as Inclusion Day at the Zoo, where the Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board partners with the Akron Zoo to offer free admission to guests wearing orange; and

WHEREAS, it is beneficial to promote these events so that all residents of Summit County are encouraged to participate; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information, that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit that March 2022 be declared Developmental Disabilities Month in Summit County, and encouraging the residents of Summit County to join in this acknowledgement;

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

SECTION 1

The month of March 2022 is hereby declared Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in Summit County, and the residents of Summit County are encouraged to join in this acknowledgement.
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SECTION 2

This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of the residents and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of immediately declaring March 2022 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in Summit County.

SECTION 3

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

SECTION 4

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

INTRODUCED February 28, 2022

ADOPTED February 28, 2022

CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED February 28, 2022

EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE March 3, 2022

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