

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-077

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE March 28, 2022

COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution declaring the month of April 2022, as Autism Acceptance Month in Summit**
8 **County, recognizing all individuals in our community who live on the Autism Spectrum and**
9 **celebrating the numerous ways autistic individuals enhance the quality of our communities**
10 **and enrich our lives, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency**

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12 WHEREAS, Autism Awareness Month has been recognized by advocates for decades and
13 April 2nd was declared Autism Awareness Day for the first time by the United Nations in 2008;
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16 WHEREAS, there are over 5 million adults and 1:44 children living with Autism in the
17 United States, these individuals are our classmates, colleagues, friends, family, and loved ones.
18 Autistic people contribute their strengths, talents, and abilities to their communities and Summit
19 County as a whole; and

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21 WHEREAS, autistic people are able to achieve independence and live purposeful lives
22 when afforded the support systems and opportunities that each and every one of us deserves, and
23 acceptance is among the biggest barriers to finding and developing a strong support system; and

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25 WHEREAS, Summit County understands the importance of fostering acceptance to lead
26 to improved supports and to achieve equity in education, employment, housing, health care and
27 comprehensive long-term services and supports; and

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29 WHEREAS, Summit County is committed to enacting and implementing policies that
30 break down the barriers to access for autistic people and other disabilities living and succeeding in
31 our community; and

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33 WHEREAS, the Autism Society of Greater Akron has provided support and resources to
34 families since 1987. The organization serves autistic individuals from Summit, Medina, Portage,
35 Wayne, and Stark Counties. The Autism Society will recognize Autism Acceptance Month in April
36 2022; and

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

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41 SECTION 1

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43 The month of April 2022 is hereby declared as Autism Acceptance Month in Summit
44 County and the residents of Summit County are encouraged to join in this acknowledgement.

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46 SECTION 2

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48 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
49 welfare of the residents and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of
50 immediately declaring April 2022 as Autism Acceptance Month in Summit County.
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4 SECTION 3

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

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10 SECTION 4

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

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19 INTRODUCED March 14, 2022

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21 ADOPTED March 28, 2022

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25 CLERK OF COUNCIL


26 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

27 APPROVED March 29, 2022

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30 EXECUTIVE

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32 ENACTED EFFECTIVE March 29, 2022

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Voice Vote - YES: 9-0: Darrow, DeVitis, Donofrio, McKenney,
Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wilhite
ABSENT: Dickinson, Feeman