RESOLUTION NO. 2022-077

SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

DATE __________________________ COMMITTEE Human Services

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

WHEREAS, Autism Awareness Month has been recognized by advocates for decades and April 2nd was declared Autism Awareness Day for the first time by the United Nations in 2008; and

WHEREAS, there are over 5 million adults and 1:44 children living with Autism in the United States, these individuals are our classmates, colleagues, friends, family, and loved ones. Autistic people contribute their strengths, talents, and abilities to their communities and Summit County as a whole; and

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 1

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

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 April 2022 as Autism Acceptance Month in Summit County.
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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____ March 14, 2022____

ADOPTED________________________

CLERK OF COUNCIL-president of council

APPROVED________________________

EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE________________