RESOLUTION NO. 2022-078

SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

DATE COMMITTEE Human Services

A Resolution declaring the month of April 2022 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the County of Summit and encouraging residents of Summit County to join in this acknowledgement and wear Blue on April 13, 2022, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, Summit County recognizes the importance of raising awareness in our community about the importance of preventing and reporting child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse. This abuse is a serious problem that affects every segment of our community; and

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention activities succeed because of partnerships between governments, non-profits, health care organizations, child welfare organizations, educational institutions, businesses, law-enforcement agencies, and families; and

WHEREAS, every child deserves to grow up in a safe and loving environment, free of abuse and neglect, so that they can prosper and live full, happy lives; and

WHEREAS, Summit County Children Services (SCCS) has provided support to families for more than 140 years, serving 1 out of 12 children last year with the goal of ensuring that children in Summit County can grow up in a safe environment. In 2021, 9,692 children received services by SCCS; and

WHEREAS, Summit County Children Services provides a 24-Hour Child Abuse Hotline, 330-434-KIDS (5437) where 8,929 total Intake calls were received last year and offers many resources to our community; and

WHEREAS, reminding residents of resources as well as improving and creating resources are essential to the wellbeing of children in Summit County;

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 Child Abuse Prevention Month in Summit County and April 13th, 2022, Wear Blue Day, and the residents and employees 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 Child Abuse Prevention 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

APPROVED

EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE