

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-078

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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 Child Abuse Prevention Month in the**
8 **County of Summit and encouraging residents of Summit County to join in this**
9 **acknowledgement and wear Blue on April 13, 2022, for the Executive, and declaring an**
10 **emergency.**

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

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

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

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

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

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31 WHEREAS, Summit County Children Services provides a 24-Hour Child Abuse Hotline,
32 330-434-KIDS (5437) where 8,929 total Intake calls were received last year and offers many
33 resources to our community; and

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

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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 Child Abuse Prevention Month in Summit
44 County and April 13th, 2022, Wear Blue Day, and the residents and employees of Summit County
45 are encouraged to join in this acknowledgement.

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47 SECTION 2

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49 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
50 welfare of the residents and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of
51 immediately declaring April 2022 as Child Abuse Prevention 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


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27 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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29 APPROVED March 29, 2022

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32 EXECUTIVE

33 ENACTED EFFECTIVE March 29, 2022

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