

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-148

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE May 23, 2022 COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution declaring Friday, June 3, 2022, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day in**
8 **the County of Summit to honor and remember victims and survivors of gun violence and**
9 **encouraging the residents of Summit County to join in this acknowledgment by wearing**
10 **orange on that day, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 19,384 people
13 were killed by gun violence in 2020, a 43% increase from the decade prior; and

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15 WHEREAS, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, there were 40 active shooter
16 incidents in 2020, a 33% increase from the decade prior; and

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18 WHEREAS, at least 100 people on average are killed by firearms every day; and

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20 WHEREAS, according to a University of Chicago report in 2019, gun violence data
21 recorded by the federal government is severely understated; and

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23 WHEREAS, protecting the community from violence is among the highest responsibilities
24 of elected officials; and

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26 WHEREAS, local elected officials are most familiar with their communities and are best
27 positioned to understand the needs of residents and ensure their safety and wellbeing; and

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29 WHEREAS, our commitment to reducing gun violence, preventing firearms from ending
30 up in the wrong hands, and encouraging the responsible ownership and use of firearms to keep our
31 community safe remains steadfast; and

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33 WHEREAS, an initiative to wear orange was started by the friends of Hadiya Pendleton, a
34 15-year-old shot and killed in Chicago in 2013 to honor her and prevent gun violence; and

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36 WHEREAS, residents are encouraged to join the County in reasserting their commitment
37 to reducing gun violence and keeping their community safe; and

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39 WHEREAS, residents are also encouraged to wear orange on June 3rd to raise awareness
40 about gun violence and to stand in solidarity with the victims of gun violence and their loved ones;

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

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45 SECTION 1

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47 The day of Friday, June 3, 2022, is hereby declared National Gun Violence Awareness Day
48 in the County of Summit to honor and remember victims and survivors of gun violence and
49 encouraging the residents of Summit County to join in this acknowledgment by wearing orange
50 on that day.

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4 SECTION 2

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6 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
7 welfare of the residents and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of
8 immediately declaring Friday, June 3, 2022, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day in Summit
9 County.

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11 SECTION 3

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

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17 SECTION 4

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


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26 INTRODUCED May 9, 2022

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28 ADOPTED May 23, 2022

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32 CLERK OF COUNCIL


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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34 APPROVED May 24, 2022

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40 ENACTED EFFECTIVE May 24, 2022

Voice Vote - YES: 10-0: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wilhite