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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-178

First Reading Passage Requested
(G. Johnson)

SPONSOR Executive Shapiro & Council As A Whole

DATE June 13, 2022 COMMITTEE Human Services

A Resolution declaring the month of August 2022 as National Immunization Awareness Month, recognizing the individual and community benefits of receiving immunizations, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, National Immunization Awareness Month is celebrated annually in August to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, immunizations protect the health of residents, their families, and their communities through a decreased risk contracting a disease and a decreased severity of symptoms; and

WHEREAS, safe and effective vaccines have been used by millions of people for decades and contributed to the decline or eradication of polio, mumps, measles, rubella, pertussis, diphtheria, rotavirus, hepatitis, and more; and

WHEREAS, according to the United Nations, the lives of two to three million children are saved every year due to immunization; and

WHEREAS, vaccines remain vital in preventing the spread and reducing the severity of infection by COVID-19, especially as the guidance on eligibility of the vaccine and boosters is expanded to include children; and

WHEREAS, only 62.6% of residents in Summit County are fully vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, despite significant advances in preventing and reducing the harm of the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States, infections, hospitalizations, and deaths due to COVID-19 are still occurring, many of which are preventable; and

WHEREAS, encouraging eligible, fully-vaccinated residents to get boosted is also an important part of immunization to protect against COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, continuing to encourage residents to receive immunizations for COVID-19 and other diseases improves the health and safety of Summit County; and

WHEREAS, Summit County Public Health continues to make vaccines and information about vaccines accessible to all residents; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information, that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit that August 2022, be declared National Immunization Awareness Month in Summit County, and encourage the residents of Summit County to join in this acknowledgement;

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

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-178

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4 SECTION 1

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6 The month of August 2022 is hereby declared National Immunization Awareness Month
7 in Summit County and the residents of Summit County are encouraged to join in this
8 acknowledgement.

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10 SECTION 2

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12 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and
13 welfare of the residents and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of
14 immediately declaring August 2022 as National Immunization Awareness Month in Summit
15 County.

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17 SECTION 3

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

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23 SECTION 4

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

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32 INTRODUCED June 13, 2022

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38 For CLERK OF COUNCIL

DocuSigned by:
Elizabeth Walters

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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40 APPROVED June 17, 2022

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46 ENACTED EFFECTIVE June 17, 2022

Voice Vote – YES: 11-0: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio,
McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite