

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-235

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE August 15, 2022

COMMITTEE Public Safety

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7 **A Resolution declaring the month of September 2022 as Preparedness Month in Summit**
8 **County, promoting family and community disaster and emergency preparation for the**
9 **residents of Summit County, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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11 WHEREAS, September is nationally recognized as Preparedness Month by the Federal
12 Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) and has been observed since 2004 with the aim of
13 heightening preparedness for disasters and emergencies; and

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15 WHEREAS, natural disasters and emergencies such as floods, droughts, thunderstorms,
16 blizzards, tornadoes, earthquakes, fires, mudslides, pandemics, and industrial accidents, require
17 planning to ensure that a rapid response can save lives and prevent injuries and damages; and

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19 WHEREAS, Summit County leaders recognize that no community is immune from
20 disasters; and

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22 WHEREAS, the Summit County Executive’s Department of Public Safety, Emergency
23 Management Agency (“Summit County EMA”) is dedicated to ensuring residents are well
24 equipped to protect themselves and their families from potential disasters and emergencies; and

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26 WHEREAS, Summit County EMA offers innovative means of communication to keep
27 residents informed, including the Reverse Alert program and the EMA mobile app; and

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29 WHEREAS, residents can sign up with Reverse Alert to receive emergency warnings and
30 alerts by phone, email, and devices for the hard of hearing to stay informed of imminent threats to
31 health and safety; and

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33 WHEREAS, residents can also download the EMA app which provides push notifications
34 similar to Reverse Alert alongside features such as free access to the National Oceanic and
35 Atmospheric Administration (“NOAA”) weather radio system, traffic and road closure
36 information from the Ohio Department of Transportation, and the ability to create and share
37 personal emergency plans with family and friends; and

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39 WHEREAS, through these programs, Summit County residents are better prepared to
40 protect themselves and their loved ones in the event of an emergency; and

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42 WHEREAS, Summit County EMA works closely with every community in the County to
43 plan for and respond to disasters and emergencies, and coordinates resources throughout the
44 County; and

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46 WHEREAS, residents can continue to engage with these efforts by visiting Ready.gov to
47 better understand potential threats and the steps they can take to prepare for disasters and
48 emergencies; and

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4 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
5 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit and its residents that September
6 2022 be declared Preparedness Month in Summit County, promoting family and community
7 disaster and emergency planning for residents of Summit County; and
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9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State
10 of Ohio, that:

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12 SECTION 1

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14 The month of September 2022 is hereby declared Preparedness Month in Summit County,
15 and the residents of Summit County are encouraged to join in this acknowledgement.
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17 SECTION 2

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19 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
20 welfare of the residents and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of
21 declaring September 2021 to be Preparedness Month in Summit County.
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23 SECTION 3

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25 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight (8) members, it shall take
26 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take effect
27 and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.
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29 SECTION 4

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31 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
32 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
33 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were
34 in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22
35 of the Ohio Revised Code.
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38 INTRODUCED August 1, 2022

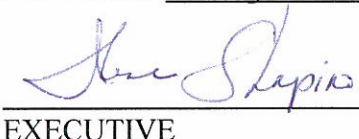
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40 ADOPTED August 15, 2022

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44 CLERK OF COUNCIL



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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46 APPROVED August 16, 2022

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50 EXECUTIVE

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

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52 ENACTED EFFECTIVE August 16, 2022