

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-242

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro & Ms. Walters & Council as a Whole

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5 DATE August 15, 2022 COMMITTEE Committee of the Whole

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7 **A Resolution declaring September 9<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, as Welcoming Week in Summit County,**  
8 **recognizing refugees, immigrants, new citizens, and the contributions they make to our**  
9 **community, as well as the challenges and roadblocks they face, for the Executive and**  
10 **declaring an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, the week of September 9, 2022, is nationally celebrated as Welcoming Week;  
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15 WHEREAS, during Welcoming Week, organizations and communities bring together  
16 refugees, immigrants, new citizens, and residents to build strong connections and affirm the  
17 importance of welcoming and inclusive places in achieving collective prosperity; and

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19 WHEREAS, we celebrate Welcoming Week as a way of bringing neighbors from different  
20 communities of the world together to build relationships and work together on shared goals; and

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22 WHEREAS, in 2015, this Council voted unanimously to declare Summit County a  
23 Welcoming County and participate in the global celebrations of Welcoming Week each year; and

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25 WHEREAS, this year's theme is "Where We Belong," which aims to spark deep reflection  
26 on how and why belonging occurs and how we can break down barriers to making our  
27 neighborhoods places for all people, especially immigrants and refugees; and

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29 WHEREAS, Summit County is home to people of all backgrounds and is committed to  
30 giving those who were not born here, but now call it home, a place to belong; and

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32 WHEREAS, ensuring all residents are welcome harnesses the strengths, talents, and  
33 contributions of each and every person; and

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35 WHEREAS, the welcoming of new residents is vital to our community, as they bring ideas,  
36 start businesses, serve in civic roles, work in critical conditions, and contribute to the spirited  
37 diversity in our community; and

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39 WHEREAS, in recognition of this year's theme, we thank our neighborhoods and our  
40 community organizations for welcoming 212 refugees in 2021 and acknowledge that as crises  
41 displace people in Myanmar, Ukraine, Ethiopia, Venezuela, and elsewhere in the world, Summit  
42 County stands ready as a home for everyone;

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

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47 SECTION 1

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49 The week of September 9<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 is hereby declared Welcoming Week in Summit  
50 County, and the residents of Summit County are encouraged to join in this acknowledgment.  
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SECTION 2

This Resolution is therefore declared an emergency in the interest of refugees, immigrants, new citizens, and residents of the County of Summit and for the purpose of immediately declaring the week of September 9<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as Welcoming Week in Summit County.

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 August 1, 2022

ADOPTED August 15, 2022

  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED August 16, 2022

  
EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE August 16, 2022

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