

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-248

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro, Ms. Sims, Mr. Schmidt, Ms. Dickinson & Council as a Whole

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5 DATE August 29, 2022 COMMITTEE: Public Safety

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7 **A Resolution creating the voluntary Summit County Gun Buyback and Safety Training**
8 **Initiative, authorizing the Sheriff to facilitate a gun buyback event, and authorizing the**
9 **Executive to procure up to \$55,000.00 of gift cards, gun locks, educational materials,**
10 **advertising and other related event expenses, for the Executive, Sheriff and**
11 **Councilmembers Sims, Schmidt and Dickinson and declaring an emergency.**

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13 WHEREAS, there has been a nationwide surge in significant cases of gun violence in the
14 United States with 2,000 incidents in June of 2022 alone resulting in 877 deaths (as reported by
15 the Gun Violence Archives a not for profit corporation formed in 2013 to provide free online
16 public access to accurate information about gun-related violence in the United States); and

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18 WHEREAS, in the State of Ohio there have been 779 deaths over the past year with 41 of
19 those occurring in Summit County (as reported by the Gun Violence Archives); and

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21 WHEREAS, members of this Council, the Executive and the Sheriff have worked to
22 create a voluntary Gun Buyback and Safety Training Initiative in Summit County, comprised of
23 a gun buyback program, safety lock giveaway, and educational programs and materials that
24 include legal updates on new laws and gun safety; and

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26 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information
27 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to create the voluntary
28 Summit County Gun Buyback and Safety Training Initiative and to authorize the Executive and
29 the Sheriff to facilitate a gun buyback event; and

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

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34 SECTION 1

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36 The Executive is hereby authorized to procure up to \$55,000.00 of gift cards, gun locks,
37 safety devices, educational materials, advertising, and other related program expenses for the
38 voluntary Summit County Gun Buyback and Safety Training Initiative.

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40 SECTION 2

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42 The Sheriff is hereby authorized to facilitate a gun buyback event and to establish
43 procedures for securing and providing gift cards and safety locks and securing and disposing of
44 guns and providing training subject matter and materials to participants.

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46 SECTION 3

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48 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
49 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit and for the further reason to immediately allow
50 for a voluntary Program to help address responsible gun ownership in Summit County.

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4 SECTION 4

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

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10 SECTION 5

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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,
15 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including section
16 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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19 INTRODUCED August 15, 2022

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22 ADOPTED August 29, 2022

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26 CLERK OF COUNCIL


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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28 APPROVED August 30, 2022

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34 ENACTED EFFECTIVE August 30, 2022

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