

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-259

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

4
5 DATE September 19, 2022

COMMITTEE Public Works

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7 **A Resolution declaring the week of October 16th–22nd, 2022 as Stormwater Awareness Week**
8 **in Summit County, recognizing the effects of stormwater runoff on the infrastructure and**
9 **environment, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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11 WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), stormwater
12 runoff is generated when rain and snowmelt flows over land or impervious surfaces, such as paved
13 streets, parking lots, and building rooftops, and does not soak into the ground; and

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15 WHEREAS, stormwater runoff flows off these surfaces and into streams, lakes, and
16 groundwater, sometimes depositing pollutants into these waters, affecting water quality; and

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18 WHEREAS, as communities grow, develop, and change, so to do their landscapes, which
19 further affects stormwater quantity and quality throughout Summit County and Ohio; and

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21 WHEREAS, these impacts cannot be avoided or eliminated in their entirety, but can be
22 minimized; and

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24 WHEREAS, stormwater management is most effective when residents and organizations
25 understand the causes and consequences of polluted stormwater runoff and flooding and the
26 actions they can take to control them; and

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28 WHEREAS, the need for residents to be informed and engaged on the preservation of their
29 community and the regulatory requirements of EPA General Construction and Municipal
30 Stormwater rules necessitates annual efforts to increase awareness about stormwater runoff and
31 management; and

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33 WHEREAS, the development of effective stormwater management is crucial to delivering
34 an environment that meets federal standards on stormwater pollution control and protects and
35 preserves the waterways and water quality of the 31 communities in Summit County;

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37 WHEREAS, the State of Ohio and Summit County have observed Stormwater Awareness
38 Week annually to raise awareness around stormwater runoff and its effects; and

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40 WHEREAS, Summit County is investing in stormwater management through \$18.8
41 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and coordination through the Surface Water
42 Management District containing 13 of our communities; and

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44 WHEREAS, Summit County remains committed to engaging residents in the effective
45 management of stormwater runoff to preserve the environment and ensure Summit County remains
46 an incredible place for people to live, work, and play; and

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48 WHEREAS, residents can get involved by educating themselves on the effects of runoff in
49 their community, implement landscaping that prevents erosion and promotes native plants, and
50 promote private and public development that accounts for stormwater management and minimizes
51 negative environmental impacts; 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 the week
6 of October 16th-22nd, 2022 be declared Stormwater Awareness Week in Summit County,
7 recognizing the effects of stormwater runoff on the infrastructure and environment; 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 week of October 16th-22nd, 2022 is hereby declared Stormwater Awareness Week in
15 Summit County, and the residents of Summit County are encouraged to join in this
16 acknowledgement.
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18 SECTION 2

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20 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
21 welfare of the residents and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of
22 declaring October 16th-22nd, 2022 to be Stormwater Awareness Week in Summit County.
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24 SECTION 3

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

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32 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
33 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
34 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were
35 in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22
36 of the Ohio Revised Code.
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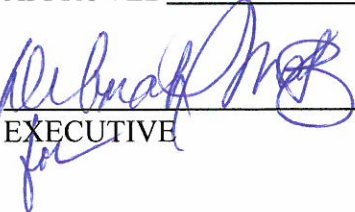
38 INTRODUCED August 29, 2022

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40 ADOPTED September 19, 2022

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43 CLERK OF COUNCIL


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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45 APPROVED September 19, 2022

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48 EXECUTIVE
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Voice Vote - YES: 10-0:
DeVitis, Dickinson,
Donofrio, McKenney,
Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims,
Walters, Wiedie Higham,
Wilhite

52 ENACTED EFFECTIVE September 21, 2022

ABSENT: Darrow