

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-340

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro & Council as a Whole

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5 DATE November 21, 2022 COMMITTEE Human Resources

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7 **A Resolution supporting the work of Summit County Age-Friendly and the Akron-Summit**
8 **Age-Friendly Task Force in making Summit County an age-friendly community for all to**
9 **enjoy, commending the community partners and residents involved in this process, for the**
10 **Executive and Council, and declaring an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, by 2030 older adults are expected to account for upwards of 30% of the
13 population of Summit County; and

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15 WHEREAS, in 2019, the County of Summit joined the American Association of Retired
16 Persons (AARP) Age-Friendly Network, a group of communities, including the City of Akron,
17 committed to addressing this trend and making their communities age-friendly; and

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19 WHEREAS, over the next two year, a coalition of the County of Summit, Direction Home
20 Akron Canton Area Agency on Aging & Disabilities, community organizations, and residents
21 utilized AARP's framework to gather information through focus groups and a survey and to
22 develop recommendations; and

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24 WHEREAS, the Summit County Age-Friendly Strategic Plan was finalized in March 2022
25 and includes 44 recommendations to enhance and improve our community; and

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27 WHEREAS, the City of Akron completed their strategic plan in April 2022 in a process
28 led by the City, Direction Home, The University of Akron, and the Commission on Aging; and

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30 WHEREAS, in 2022, the County of Summit and the City of Akron merged their age-
31 friendly initiatives into the Akron-Summit Age-Friendly Task Force, a concerted effort to improve
32 all 31 communities of the County and the 21 unique neighborhoods of the City; and

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34 WHEREAS, a core team, including Direction Home, are leading the task force members
35 as they seek to implement the actions in both strategic plans; and

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37 WHEREAS, these recommendations touch on all aspects of the Age-Friendly Domains of
38 Livability—Housing, Outdoor Spaces and Buildings, Transportation, Communication and
39 Information, Civic Participation and Employment, Respect and Social Inclusion, Health Services
40 and Community Supports and Social Participation; and

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42 WHEREAS, addressing the domains will positively impact the well-being of older adults
43 and help make Summit County and the City of Akron more livable for people of all ages; and

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45 WHEREAS, the Executive and this Council wish to commend these community partners
46 and recognize the commitment they have demonstrated for making our communities places where
47 all people can age as they wish, in the place of their choosing, and with ample avenues to remain
48 engaged; and

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50 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information
51 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to support the work of Summit County
52 Age-Friendly and the Akron-Summit Age-Friendly Task Force in making Summit County an age-

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4 friendly community for all to enjoy, commend the community partners and residents involved in
5 this process;

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

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10 SECTION 1

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12 The County of Summit reaffirms its support for the AARP Age-Friendly Community
13 designation and the work of the Akron-Summit Age-Friendly Task Force in making Summit
14 County an age-friendly place for all to enjoy and commends the community partners and residents
15 involved in this process, encouraging additional partners to consider engaging with this initiative.

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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 of the County of Summit, and for the further purpose to immediately spread
21 awareness for Akron-Summit Age-Friendly.

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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.

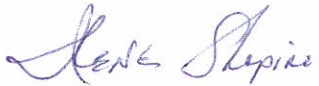
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37 INTRODUCED November 7, 2022

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39 ADOPTED November 21, 2022

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43 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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47 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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49 APPROVED November 22, 2022

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EXECUTIVE

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

ENACTED EFFECTIVE November 22, 2022