

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-042

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE February 13, 2023 COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution declaring the month of March 2023 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness**
8 **Month in Summit County, recognizing people with developmental disabilities for their**
9 **contributions to our community and their perseverance in breaking down barriers, for the**
10 **Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities
13 celebrates March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month with an annual campaign to
14 raise awareness and increase the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all areas of
15 life, with the intention to highlight the barriers that inhibit people with developmental disabilities
16 from connecting to the communities in which they live; and

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18 WHEREAS, it is important to recognize that the inclusion of people with developmental
19 disabilities creates strong, diverse communities where all residents are welcomed and valued; and

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21 WHEREAS, the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council and the Summit County
22 Developmental Disabilities Board participate in Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month by
23 hosting events and initiatives; and

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25 WHEREAS, these initiatives include Inclusion Day on March 6, 2023, on which the
26 Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board celebrates by turning Summit County orange
27 through clothes, stickers, signs, and social media posts, as well as Inclusion Day at the Zoo, where
28 the Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board partners with the Akron Zoo to offer free
29 admission to guests wearing orange from March 4 through March 5; and

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31 WHEREAS, it is beneficial to promote these events so that residents of Summit County
32 are encouraged to participate; and

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34 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
35 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit that March 2023 be declared
36 Developmental Disabilities Month in Summit County, and encouraging the residents of Summit
37 County to join in this acknowledgement;

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

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42 SECTION 1

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44 The month of March 2023 is hereby declared Developmental Disabilities Awareness
45 Month in Summit County, and the residents of Summit County are encouraged to join in this
46 acknowledgement.
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4 SECTION 2

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6 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
7 welfare of the residents and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of
8 immediately declaring March 2023 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in Summit
9 County.

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11 SECTION 3

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

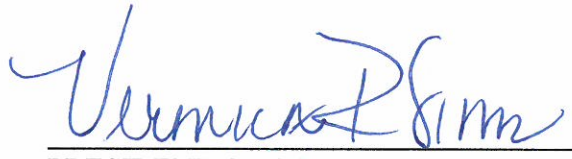
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17 SECTION 4

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19 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
20 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
21 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were
22 in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22
23 of the Ohio Revised Code.


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26 INTRODUCED February 13, 2023

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28 ADOPTED March 6, 2023

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31 Lauren Marsh
32 CLERK OF COUNCIL


33 Veronica P. Sims
34 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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36 APPROVED March 6, 2023

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39 Gene Shapiro
40 EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE March 7, 2023

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