

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-063

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE March 6, 2023 COMMITTEE Health & Human Services

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7 **A Resolution declaring the month of April 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the**
8 **County of Summit and encouraging residents to join in this acknowledgement and Wear**
9 **Blue on April 12, 2023, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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11 WHEREAS, Summit County recognizes the importance of raising awareness in our
12 community about the importance of preventing and reporting child abuse and neglect; and

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14 WHEREAS, child abuse can have serious psychological, emotional, and physical effects
15 that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse, this abuse being a serious problem that affects
16 every segment of our community; and

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18 WHEREAS, child abuse prevention activities succeed because of partnerships between
19 governments, non-profits, healthcare organizations, child welfare organizations, educational
20 institutions, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; and

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22 WHEREAS, every child deserves to grow up in a safe and loving environment, free of
23 abuse and neglect, so that they can prosper and live full, happy lives; and

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25 WHEREAS, Summit County Children Services (SCCS) has provided support to families
26 for more than 142 years, serving 1 out of 12 children last year with the goal of ensuring that
27 children in Summit County can grow up in a safe environment. In 2022, 9,844 children received
28 services by SCCS; and

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30 WHEREAS, SCCS provides a 24-Hour Child Abuse Hotline, 330-434-KIDS (5437) where
31 9,485 total intake calls were received last year and offers many resources to our community; and

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33 WHEREAS, reminding residents of resources as well as improving and creating resources
34 are essential to the wellbeing of children in Summit County;

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

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39 SECTION 1

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41 The month of April 2023 is hereby declared Child Abuse Prevention Month in Summit
42 County and April 12, 2023, Wear Blue Day, and the residents and employees of Summit County
43 are encouraged to join in this acknowledgement by wearing blue to raise awareness that child
44 abuse is preventable.

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46 SECTION 2

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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 and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of
50 immediately declaring April 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Summit County.

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4 SECTION 3

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

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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, were
15 in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22
16 of the Ohio Revised Code.
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19 INTRODUCED March 6, 2023


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21 ADOPTED March 20, 2023

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25 CLERK OF COUNCIL



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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27 APPROVED March 20, 2023

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31 EXECUTIVE

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33 ENACTED EFFECTIVE March 21, 2023