

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-099

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro & Council as a whole

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5 DATE April 3, 2023 COMMITTEE Health & Human Services

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7 **A Resolution declaring the month of May 2023 as Older Americans Month in Summit**
8 **County, recognizing the contributions of older adults in Summit County and encouraging**
9 **residents and professionals to participate in the Age-Friendly Akron-Summit initiative and**
10 **the 2023 Senior Summit, for the Council and Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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

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15 WHEREAS, our community is stronger when people of all ages, abilities, identities, and
16 background are included and encouraged to make their mark; and

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18 WHEREAS, older adults may need additional or adapted recreation, transportation,
19 housing, healthcare, civic, and communication services in order to maintain their physical, mental
20 and emotional health and live fully and joyfully; and

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22 WHEREAS, our community can support older adults by promoting inclusion,
23 independence, and innovation through ongoing awareness and education efforts; and

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25 WHEREAS, Summit County was designated an Age-Friendly Community in 2019 by the
26 American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and worked with Direction-Home Akron-
27 Canton Area Agency on Aging & Disabilities and others to produce a Summit County Age-
28 Friendly Strategic Plan which was finalized in 2022; and

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30 WHEREAS, the Summit County Age-Friendly Strategic Plan contained 44
31 recommendations to enhance and improve our community; and

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33 WHEREAS, the strategic plan aligned closely with the City of Akron's Age-Friendly
34 Strategic Plan, leading to the merger of the initiatives in the summer of 2023; and

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36 WHEREAS, the Age-Friendly Akron-Summit initiative continues the work of both
37 strategic plans through a coalition that includes local governments, agencies, non-profits,
38 businesses, and residents; and

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40 WHEREAS, the initiative is currently focused on championing positive aging in the
41 community, engaging older residents around issues that impact and providing them resources,
42 making businesses and organizations more accessible and inclusive, improving home modification
43 programs, and ensuring older adults are have input on their transportation options; and

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45 WHEREAS, residents are encouraged to get involved in the Age-Friendly Akron-Summit
46 initiative and professionals are encouraged to attend the 2023 Senior Summit and learn about how
47 to best serve our seniors; and

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49 WHEREAS, this work is part of the ongoing mission in Summit County and Akron to make
50 our communities the best possible places for people to not only live, work, and play, but to age,
51 retire, and reach their fullest potential;

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4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State
5 of Ohio, that:
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7 SECTION 1
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9 The month of May 2023 is hereby declared Older Americans Month in Summit County,
10 and the residents of Summit County are encouraged to join in this acknowledgement of older adults
11 and the people who support them as essential members of our community and to participate in
12 both the Age-Friendly Akron-Summit initiative and the 2023 Senior Summit.
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14 SECTION 2
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16 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
17 welfare of the residents and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of
18 immediately declaring May 2023 as Older Americans Month in Summit County.
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20 SECTION 3
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22 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight (8) members, it shall take
23 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take effect
24 and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.
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26 SECTION 4
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28 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
29 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
30 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were
31 in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22
32 of the Ohio Revised Code.
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35 INTRODUCED April 3, 2023
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37 ADOPTED April 24, 2023
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40 Lauren Marsh
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42 CLERK OF COUNCIL

DocuSigned by:
Veronica Smith
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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

43 APPROVED April 24, 2023
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45 DocuSigned by:
46 Steve Shapiro
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48 EXECUTIVE

49 ENACTED EFFECTIVE April 25, 2023

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