

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-157

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3 SPONSORS Executive Shapiro and Council as a Whole

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5 DATE May 15, 2023 COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution declaring the month of June 2023 as Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month**  
8 **in Summit County, and to raise awareness about Alzheimer’s disease and other brain**  
9 **diseases and dementias, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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11 WHEREAS, the National Institute on Aging defines dementia as the loss of cognitive  
12 functions such as thinking, remembering, and reasoning to such an extent that it interferes with a  
13 person’s daily life and activities; and

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15 WHEREAS, Alzheimer’s disease is a progressive brain disease that leads to memory loss  
16 and cognitive decline and is the most common type of dementia; and

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18 WHEREAS, an estimated 5.8 million people in the United States are living with  
19 Alzheimer’s disease or related dementias, and that number is expected to increase; and

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21 WHEREAS, women, Latino, and Black Americans are at a significantly higher risk for  
22 Alzheimer’s disease and dementia; and

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24 WHEREAS, key symptoms of dementia include memory loss, confusion, difficulty  
25 speaking, writing, or reading, getting lost in a familiar place, acting impulsively, taking longer to  
26 complete simple tasks, loss of balance, and more; and

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28 WHEREAS, people living through all levels of severity of Alzheimer’s disease and  
29 dementia are worthy of compassion, respect, and dignity, and deserve the support of their family,  
30 friends, and community; and

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32 WHEREAS, while Alzheimer’s disease and dementias are not curable, there are strategies  
33 to prevent and treat dementias that can reduce future diagnoses and improve the prognoses of  
34 people living with these conditions; and

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36 WHEREAS, in 2023, Summit County was designated a Dementia-Friendly Community  
37 and has embarked on a mission to better serve residents with dementia and to meet the needs of an  
38 increasing number of people living with dementia; and

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40 WHEREAS, the Akron-Summit County Public Library has led the way with their  
41 Dementia Inclusive Library, which included staff training from the Ohio Council for Cognitive  
42 Health and Memory Kits for people with dementia; and

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44 WEHREAS, Dementia Friends training is also available to local institutions, businesses,  
45 and groups who want to learn how to better advocate for and support their neighbors and loved  
46 ones with dementia; and

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48 WHEREAS, Dementia Friendly Summit County will continue its work going forward to  
49 improve our community for residents with dementia and aligns with some of the tenants of Age-  
50 Friendly Akron-Summit; and

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52 WHEREAS, Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month is a time to uplift residents with

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4 dementia and the work to support them, recognizing how our loved ones with dementia fill our  
5 lives with joy, wit, humor, and love; and

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7 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after receiving all pertinent information,  
8 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit that June 2023 be declared  
9 Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month in Summit County, and encouraging the residents of  
10 Summit County to join in this acknowledgement;

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

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15 SECTION 1

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17 The month of June 2023 is hereby declared Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month in  
18 Summit County, and the residents and employees of Summit County are encouraged to join in this  
19 acknowledgement.

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21 SECTION 2

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23 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
24 welfare of the residents and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of  
25 immediately declaring June 2023 as Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month in Summit County.

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27 SECTION 3

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

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33 SECTION 4

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

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41 INTRODUCED May 15, 2023

42 ADOPTED June 5, 2023

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

45 APPROVED June 5, 2023

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*Steve Shapiro*

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EXECUTIVE

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49 ENACTED EFFECTIVE June 6, 2023

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*Veronica R Sim*  
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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL