

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-165 **First Reading Passage Requested**
 2 (V. Sims)
 3 SPONSORS Ms. Sims, Executive Shapiro and Council as a Whole
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 5 DATE June 5, 2023 COMMITTEE Human Services
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8 **A Resolution recognizing June 19, 2023 as this year’s observance of Juneteenth**
 9 **Independence Day in Summit County and supporting continued celebration of Juneteenth**
 10 **Independence Day to provide for learning opportunities on how past experiences of African**
 11 **Americans have shaped our nation, for the Council and the Executive, and declaring an**
 12 **emergency.**
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14 WHEREAS, Juneteenth, also known as, National Independence Day, Emancipation Day,
 15 Black Independence Day, and/or Jubilee Day, celebrated June 19th, commemorates that date in
 16 1865 when Union Troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, more than two months after the end of the
 17 Civil War and more than two years after President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation,
 18 declaring that slavery had been abolished in the United States; and
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20 WHEREAS, Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending
 21 of slavery; and
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23 WHEREAS, on June 18, 2021, following overwhelming approval in both the United States
 24 Senate and House on June 15, 2021, and June 16, 2021, respectively, President Biden declared
 25 Juneteenth to be a national holiday in the United States, making it the first new federal holiday
 26 created in nearly four decades; and
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28 WHEREAS, on June 18, 2021, Governor DeWine declared Juneteenth to be a recognized
 29 holiday in the State of Ohio; and
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31 WHEREAS, the Executive and Council established Juneteenth as an official holiday for
 32 the employees of Summit County in 2021; 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 June 19, 2023 be
 36 recognized as this year’s observance of Juneteenth Independence Day in Summit County, and
 37 encouraging the residents of Summit County to join in this recognition;
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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 day of June 19, 2023 is hereby recognized as this year’s observance of Juneteenth
 45 Independence Day in Summit County, supporting continued celebration of Juneteenth
 46 Independence Day to provide for learning opportunities on how past experiences of African
 47 Americans have shaped our nation.
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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 recognizing June 19, 2023 as this year's observance of Juneteenth Independence Day
9 in Summit 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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25 INTRODUCED June 5, 2023

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

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33 APPROVED June 5, 2023

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39 ENACTED EFFECTIVE June 6, 2023

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL