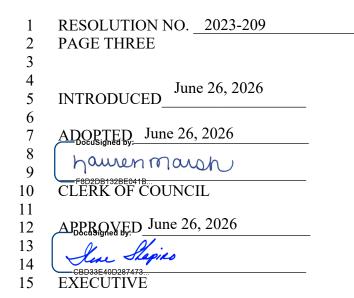
1 2	RESOLUTION NO. 2023-209	<u>First Reading Passage Requested</u> (Executive Shapiro)	
$\frac{2}{3}$	SPONSOR Executive Shapiro, Ms. Sims and Council as a Whole		
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5	DATE_June 26, 2026	COMMITTEE: Human Services	
6 7	A Desolution authorizing the Executive to ex	coute a grant agreement with United Way of	
8		ecute a grant agreement with United Way of	
	Summit and Medina Counties to provide funds, in an amount not to exceed \$275,000.00, to support the Sojourner Truth Statue Fund, a fund dedicated to the construction of Truth		
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10		tatue, in Council District 4, for the Executive,	
11	and declaring an emergency.		
12	WILLEDEAS in 2010 the Everytime me	where of Coursell and other community loaders	
13		mbers of Council, and other community leaders	
14	gathered to form the Summit Suffrage Centennial, to plan the celebration of the 100 <sup>th</sup> anniversary		
15	of women's suffrage, to educate the public on the progress made over the last 100 years, and to		
16	honor the fight for voting rights for all women, especially those women of color who were		
17	excluded from voting until the 1960s; and		
18 19	WILLEDEAC from this initiative source of		
19 20		enewed effort to erect a statue of Sojourner Truth	
20 21	in downtown Akron. The Sojourner Truth Project – Akron, led by Towanda Mullins, is working to raise funds for Sojourner Truth Memorial Menument, a new National Menument that will		
21	to raise funds for Sojourner Truth Memorial Monument, a new National Monument that will feature a statue of Sojourner Truth, situated in Truth Plaza next to the United Way of Summit &		
22	Medina Counties' Sojourner Truth Building on N		
23 24	Medina Counties Sojourner Truth Bunding on T	North High Street, and	
24 25	WHEREAS the Statue has been design	ed by Akron-native and internationally known	
23 26	· · · · ·	gned by Dion Harris, Landscape Architect for the	
20 27		p-profits, local government offices, and private	
28	businesses have all come together to achieve this		
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30	WHEREAS, at the 1851 Women's Rig	nts Convention held in Akron, Sojourner Truth	
31	delivered what is now recognized as one of th		
32	speeches in American history, commonly titled '		
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34	WHEREAS, Sojourner Truth stood tall	for equal rights for all women, and her speech in	
35		nd Black women electrified the suffrage and civil	
36	rights movements for decades to come; and	C	
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38	WHEREAS, residents are encouraged to	learn more about Sojourner Truth and her time in	
39	Summit County by visiting SummitSuffrageC	entennial.com and can learn more about the	
40	fundraising efforts at truthstatue.org; and		
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42	WHEREAS, the project committee has v	vorked since 2020 to raise funds to erect a statue	
43	of Sojourner Truth and construct the Truth Mer	norial Plaza, garnering support from community	
44	organizations that have partnered to make this v	vision a reality, including the City of Akron, the	
45	John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, United	Way of Summit and Medina Counties, the Akron	
46	Community Foundation, the GAR Foundation, and numerous other organizations, businesses,		
47	families, and individuals; and		
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49		ibuted \$25,000.00 in 2021 and the Executive and	
50		0.00, as such the County will be recognized as a	
51	visionary sponsor of the project, with a contribut	ion totaling \$300,000.00; and	

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4	WHEREAS, the Executive and Council recognize the importance of the project, the		
5	creation of a new National Monument in Summit County, and the positive impact it will have on		
6	our local community, as a gathering point for the community, an educational resource, and		
7	historical marker; and		
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9	WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,		
10	that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the Executive to		
11	execute a grant agreement with United Way of Summit and Medina Counties to provide funds, in		
12	an amount not to exceed \$275,000.00, to support the Sojourner Truth Statue Fund, a fund dedicated		
12	to the construction of Truth Plaza and the erection of a Sojourner Truth Statue;		
13 14	to the construction of frum Flaza and the election of a sojourner frum statue,		
14	NOW THEREFORE DE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit. State		
	NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State		
16	of Ohio, that:		
17	SECTION 1		
18	SECTION I		
19	This Course it has been added in a des Encontine to an enter a such a such as a statistical Units to		
20	This Council hereby authorizes the Executive to execute a grant agreement with United		
21	Way of Summit and Medina Counties to provide funds, in an amount not to exceed \$275,000.00,		
22	to support the Sojourner Truth Statue Fund, a project to erect a National Monument of Sojourner		
23	Truth and construct the Truth Plaza.		
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25	SECTION 2		
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27	This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and		
28	welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason that the County wishes		
29	to authorize the Executive to execute a grant agreement with United Way of Summit and Medina		
30	Counties to contribute to the Sojourner Truth Statue Fund.		
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32	SECTION 3		
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34	Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take effect		
35	immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in		
36	force at the earliest time provided by law.		
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38	SECTION 4		
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40	It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to		
41	the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all		
42	deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in		
43	meetings open to the public, in compliance with legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the		
44	Ohio Revised Code.		
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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

June 27, 2026 ENACTED EFFECTIVE