

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-206

First Reading Passage Requested
(G. Johnson)

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro and Council as a Whole

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5 DATE June 26, 2026 COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution declaring the month of August 2023 as National Immunization Awareness**
8 **Month, recognizing the individual and community benefits of receiving immunizations, for**
9 **the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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11 WHEREAS, National Immunization Awareness Month is celebrated annually in August to
12 highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages; and

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14 WHEREAS, immunizations protect the health of residents, their families, and their
15 communities through a decreased risk contracting a disease and a decreased severity of symptoms;
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18 WHEREAS, safe and effective vaccines have been used by millions of people for decades
19 and contributed to the decline or eradication of polio, mumps, measles, rubella, pertussis,
20 diphtheria, rotavirus, hepatitis, mpox, and more; and

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22 WHEREAS, according to the United Nations, the lives of two to three million children are
23 saved every year due to immunization; and

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25 WHEREAS, vaccines remain vital in preventing the spread and reducing the severity of
26 infection by COVID-19, especially as the guidance on eligibility of the vaccine and boosters is
27 expanded to include children; and

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29 WHEREAS, only 66.3% residents in Summit County are fully vaccinated against COVID-
30 19, an increase of only 3.7% from one year ago; and

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32 WHEREAS, despite significant advances in preventing and reducing the harm of the
33 COVID-19 pandemic in the United States, infections, hospitalizations, and deaths due to COVID-
34 19 are still occurring, many of which are preventable; and

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36 WHEREAS, encouraging eligible, fully vaccinated residents to get booster vaccinations is
37 also an important part of immunization to protect against COVID-19; and

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39 WHEREAS, continuing to encourage residents to receive immunizations for COVID-19
40 and other diseases improves the health and safety of Summit County; and

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42 WHEREAS, the recent 2022-2023 outbreak of mpox that, according to the World Health
43 Organization, caused a public health emergency of international concern continues to demonstrate
44 the necessity of immunization and public health education for rare and less common diseases
45 beyond COVID-19 and influenza; and

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47 WHEREAS, Summit County Public Health continues to make vaccines and information
48 about vaccines accessible to all residents; and

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50 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
51 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit that August 2023, be declared

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4 National Immunization Awareness Month in Summit County, and encourage the residents of
5 Summit County to join in this acknowledgement;

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

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10 SECTION 1

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12 The month of August 2023 is hereby declared National Immunization Awareness Month
13 in Summit County and the residents of Summit County are encouraged to join in this
14 acknowledgement.

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16 SECTION 2

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18 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and
19 welfare of the residents and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of
20 immediately declaring August 2023 as National Immunization Awareness Month in Summit
21 County.

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23 SECTION 3

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

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29 SECTION 4

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

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38 INTRODUCED June 26, 2026

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40 ADOPTED June 26, 2026

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52 ENACTED EFFECTIVE June 27, 2026