

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-270

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro & Council as a Whole

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5 DATE September 11, 2023 COMMITTEE Public Works

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7 **A Resolution declaring the week of October 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as Stormwater Awareness Week**  
8 **in Summit County, recognizing the effects of stormwater runoff on the infrastructure and**  
9 **environment, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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11 WHEREAS, Stormwater Awareness Week is a regional effort to encourage communities  
12 to engage with residents regarding the effects and management of stormwater; and

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14 WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) defines stormwater runoff  
15 as generated when rain and snowmelt over land or impervious surfaces, such as paved streets,  
16 parking lots, and rooftops, and does not soak into the ground; and

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18 WHEREAS, as communities grow, develop, and change, so too do their landscapes, which  
19 affects stormwater quality and composition throughout Summit County and Northeast Ohio; and

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21 WHEREAS, these impacts cannot be avoided in their entirety, but can be properly  
22 managed; and

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24 WHEREAS, stormwater management is most effective when residents, businesses, and  
25 organizations understand the causes and consequences of polluted stormwater runoff and flooding  
26 and how to minimize them; and

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28 WHEREAS, the regulatory requirements of EPA General Construction and Municipal  
29 Stormwater rules further necessitates a greater effort to educate residents on stormwater runoff and  
30 management; and

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32 WHEREAS, due to the importance of effective stormwater management to the preservation  
33 waterways and water quality, Summit County has facilitated the formation of a Surface Water  
34 Management District comprised of 10 communities and an investment of \$18.8 million in  
35 American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds; and

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37 WHEREAS, Summit County remains committed to engaging residents in the effective  
38 management of stormwater runoff to preserve the environment and ensure Summit County remains  
39 an incredible place for people to live, work, and play; and

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41 WHEREAS, residents can get involved by educating themselves on the effects of runoff in  
42 their community, implement landscaping that prevents erosion and promotes native plants, and  
43 promote private and public development that accounts for stormwater management and minimizes  
44 negative environmental impacts; and

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46 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,  
47 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit and its residents that the week  
48 of October 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be declared Stormwater Awareness Week in Summit County, recognizing  
49 the effects of stormwater runoff on the infrastructure and environment; and

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

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4 SECTION 1

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6 The week of October 1<sup>st</sup> –7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 is hereby declared Stormwater Awareness Week in  
7 Summit County, and the residents of Summit County are encouraged to join in this  
8 acknowledgement.

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10 SECTION 2

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12 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
13 welfare of the residents and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of  
14 declaring October 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to be Stormwater Awareness Week in Summit County.

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16 SECTION 3

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

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22 SECTION 4

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

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31 INTRODUCED September 11, 2023

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33 ADOPTED September 25, 2023

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37 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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*Veronica R Sim*  
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37 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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39 APPROVED September 25, 2023

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*Steve Shapiro*  
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45 ENACTED EFFECTIVE September 27, 2023

Voice Vote – YES: 10 – 0: Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney,  
Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite  
Absent: DeVitis