

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-284

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE September 11, 2023 COMMITTEE Committee of the Whole

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7 **A Resolution declaring the month of October 2023 as National Arts and Humanities Month**  
8 **in Summit County, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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10 WHEREAS, according to the National Endowment for the Arts estimates the arts economy  
11 accounted for 4.4% of GDP in the United States, or over \$1.0 trillion, and employed 4.9 million  
12 workers earning \$509.2 billion in total compensation; and

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14 WHEREAS, the creative economy employs and engages thousands of residents in Summit  
15 County and beyond, generating \$1.4 billion and supporting thousands of jobs in the Akron  
16 Metropolitan Statistical Area according to the Akron/Summit Cultural Plan; and

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18 WHEREAS, these arts and humanities organizations include ArtsNow, Summit ArtSpace,  
19 the Akron Art Museum, Akron Civic Theatre, Akron Glass Works, the Summit County Historical  
20 Society, Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, and dozens more; and

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22 WHEREAS, the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the  
23 Humanities and these local organizations recognize the impact of arts and humanities on the  
24 country and Summit County every year by designating October as National Arts and Humanities  
25 Month; and

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27 WHEREAS, National Arts and Humanities Month provides an opportunity for us to honor  
28 our local artists, designers, musicians, entertainers, historians, writers, poets, and more, and thank  
29 them for their contributions to our economy, culture, and community; and

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31 WHEREAS, as the arts, culture, and humanities industry continues to recover from the  
32 COVID-19 pandemic, residents are encouraged to continue their longstanding support for their  
33 neighbors and local institutions; and

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35 WHEREAS, in 2022, key funders provided \$6.25 million to 107 arts and entertainment  
36 nonprofits in Summit County; and

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38 WHEREAS, visitors who attend arts and culture events spend an average \$31 more per  
39 person than the cost of admission, support the local economy and businesses; and

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41 WHEREAS, the future of Summit County is bright when we support the creativity,  
42 brilliance, and innovations of all residents and organizations; and

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44 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,  
45 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to declare the month of October  
46 2023 as National Arts and Humanities Month in Summit County;

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

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4 SECTION 1

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6 The month of October 2023 is hereby declared as National Arts and Humanities Month in  
7 Summit County, we call upon our residents to celebrate and promote the arts, humanities and  
8 cultural organizations in our country and to specifically encourage the greater participation by  
9 those said residents in taking action for the arts and humanities in their towns and cities.

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11 SECTION 2

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13 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
14 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately declare  
15 October 2023 as National Arts and Humanities Month in Summit County.

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17 SECTION 3

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

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23 SECTION 4

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

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32 INTRODUCED September 11, 2023

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34 ADOPTED September 25, 2023

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38 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

40 APPROVED September 25, 2023

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44 EXECUTIVE

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46 ENACTED EFFECTIVE September 27, 2023

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