

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-286

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro, Ms. Sims, Ms. Darrow, Ms. Walters & Mr. Wilhite, Council as a Whole

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5 DATE September 11, 2023 COMMITTEE Committee of the Whole

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7 **A Resolution declaring the County of Summit as a “Power A Clean Future Ohio**  
8 **Community” and affirming the County’s partnership with Power A Clean Future Ohio, a**  
9 **non-profit organization that works with local leaders to create carbon reduction plans and**  
10 **implement them in ways that are achievable, measurable, equitable, and economical, and**  
11 **declaring an emergency.**

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13 WHEREAS, the County has an interest in the health, safety, and welfare of the residents  
14 of Summit County; and

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16 WHEREAS, to ensure and improve the ongoing health, safety, and welfare of the residents  
17 of Summit County, it is necessary to ensure that the County, its residents, and its businesses  
18 undertake environmentally sustainable practices; and

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20 WHEREAS, the County is committed to taking the actions necessary to reduce its energy  
21 consumption, decrease its dependence on fossil fuels, and enact legislation that preserves  
22 environmentally sound practices in the areas of energy, air quality, water, waste, transportation,  
23 facilities, and development; and

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25 WHEREAS, the County is also committed to ensuring that the world we hand to our  
26 children, grandchildren, and future generations is healthy, livable, and vibrant, otherwise those  
27 future generations face potentially catastrophic consequences; and

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29 WHEREAS, the County must act now to ensure it is doing what is possible for the future  
30 sustainability of our planet; and

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32 WHEREAS, this Council formed the Environmental Sustainability Task Force in 2019 to  
33 examine and recommend plans to incorporate sustainability into the County’s practices; and

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35 WHEREAS, efforts to address energy and climate issues provide an opportunity to move  
36 toward energy self-reliance and greater community resiliency and quality of life, provide  
37 environmentally healthy and cheaper-to-operate public buildings, and encourage new economic  
38 development; and

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40 WHEREAS, Power A Clean Future Ohio is an expansive, diverse coalition engaging with  
41 cities and local governments across the State of Ohio to build a clean future for our communities  
42 by working with local leaders to develop and implement proven climate solutions; and

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44 WHEREAS, Power A Clean Future Ohio empowers local leaders with tools and resources  
45 to create carbon reduction plans and implement them in ways that are achievable, measurable,  
46 equitable, and economical; and

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48 WHEREAS, Power A Clean Future Ohio provides cost-effective sustainable development  
49 policies in the following four categories: renewable energy, energy efficiency, transportation  
50 electrification, and land use; and

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4 WHEREAS, Power A Clean Future Ohio assists in facilitating technical assistance for the  
5 implementation of these carbon reduction policies; and

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7 WHEREAS, the County has enacted energy-reducing policies and legislation since 2021,  
8 including the approval of the Summit County Lighting Upgrade Project that increased energy  
9 efficiency and lowered maintenance costs by updating lighting fixtures in 12 County Buildings  
10 with energy efficient LED lights, and the usage of electronic signature software that has saved  
11 hundreds of thousands of pieces of paper; and

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13 WHEREAS, the County seeks to use its partnership with Power A Clean Future Ohio to  
14 build upon past sustainability efforts, leverage funding opportunities for carbon reduction and  
15 encourage residents to engage in the climate conversation;

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

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20 SECTION 1

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22 The County of Summit joins in participating in the Power A Clean Future Ohio coalition.

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24 SECTION 2

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26 The County of Summit pledges to assess our opportunities to reduce carbon emissions  
27 within the Executive's Office operations and future projects.

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29 SECTION 3

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31 The County plans to achieve this goal through strategic, cost-effective efforts, including  
32 increasing the number of publicly accessible electric vehicle charging stations, mandating  
33 electronic signatures within the Executive's Office, and exploring other sustainable options as it  
34 pertains to current operations and future County projects with Power A Clean Future Ohio's  
35 technical assistance.

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37 SECTION 4

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39 This Resolution appoints Greta Johnson to serve as the County's Power A Clean Future  
40 Ohio coordinator for implementation and the Summit County Environmental Sustainability Task  
41 Force as the County's Power A Clean Future Ohio coordination team.

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