

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-180

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro, Ms. Walters, Council as a Whole

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5 DATE June 3, 2024 COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution declaring the month of August 2024 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 of contracting a disease and a decreased severity of  
16 symptoms; and

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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, according to the World Health Organization, an estimated 154 million lives,  
26 including 101 million infants, have been saved due to immunization efforts across the world in the  
27 past 50 years, a figure equal to 6 lives saved every minute of every year; and

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29 WHEREAS, immunization is the single greatest contributor out of any intervention to  
30 ensure infants live to see their first birthday and continue to lead healthy lives into their adulthood;  
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33 WHEREAS, vaccines remain vital in preventing the spread and reducing the severity of  
34 infection by COVID-19, especially as the guidance on eligibility of the vaccine and boosters is  
35 expanded to include children; and

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37 WHEREAS, at the time of the final report in April 2023, only 66.3% residents in Summit  
38 County are fully vaccinated against COVID-19; and

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40 WHEREAS, despite significant advances in preventing and reducing the harm of the  
41 COVID-19 pandemic in the United States, infections, hospitalizations, and deaths due to COVID-  
42 19 are still occurring, many of which are preventable; and

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44 WHEREAS, encouraging eligible, fully vaccinated residents to get boosted is also an  
45 important part of immunization to protect against COVID-19; and

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

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50 WHEREAS, the recent 2022-2023 outbreak of mpox that, according to the World Health  
51 Organization, caused a public health emergency of international concern continues to demonstrate

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4 the necessity of immunization and public health education for rare and less common diseases  
5 beyond COVID-19 and influenza; and

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

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10 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,  
11 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit that August 2024, be declared  
12 National Immunization Awareness Month in Summit County, and encourage the residents of  
13 Summit County to join in this acknowledgement;

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

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18 SECTION 1

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20 The month of August 2024 is hereby declared National Immunization Awareness Month  
21 in Summit County and the residents of Summit County are encouraged to join in this  
22 acknowledgement.

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24 SECTION 2

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26 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and  
27 welfare of the residents and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of  
28 immediately declaring August 2024 as National Immunization Awareness Month in Summit  
29 County.

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31 SECTION 3

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

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37 SECTION 4

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

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DocuSigned by:

*Monique Willis*

CLERK OF COUNCIL

DocuSigned by:

*Rita S. Darrow*

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

DocuSigned by:

*Jane Shapiro*

EXCERPT

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