

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-228

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole

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5 DATE August 5, 2024 COMMITTEE Public Safety

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7 **A Resolution declaring the month of September 2024 as Preparedness Month in Summit**
8 **County, promoting family, community disaster and emergency preparation for the residents**
9 **of Summit County, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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11 WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) has recognized
12 September as Preparedness Month since 2004 with the aim of heightening readiness for disasters
13 and emergencies; and

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15 WHEREAS, natural disasters and emergencies such as floods, droughts, thunderstorms,
16 blizzards, tornadoes, earthquakes, fires, mudslides, epidemics, pandemics, industrial accidents,
17 and mass shooting incidents require planning to ensure that a rapid response can save lives and
18 prevent further injuries or damages; and

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20 WHEREAS, Summit County leaders recognize that no community is immune from
21 disasters and emergencies; and

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23 WHEREAS, the Summit County Executive’s Department of Public Safety and the
24 Emergency Management Agency (“EMA”) are dedicated to ensuring local public safety forces
25 and residents are well equipped to protect themselves and their families from potential disasters
26 and emergencies; and

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28 WHEREAS, in Resolution 2024-078, this Council passed the Summit County Hazard
29 Mitigation Plan created by EMA in coordination with local planning agencies, police and fire
30 chiefs, and each of the 31 communities in Summit County to guide decisionmakers in reducing
31 risks from natural hazards and to serve as the basis for the State of Ohio to provide technical and
32 funding assistance; and

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34 WHEREAS, EMA offers innovative means of communication to keep residents informed,
35 including the Reverse Alert program and the EMA mobile app; and

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37 WEHREAS, residents can sign up with Reverse Alert to receive emergency warnings and
38 alerts by phone, email, and devices for the hard of hearing to stay informed of imminent threats to
39 health and safety; and

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41 WHEREAS, residents can also download the EMA app which provides push notifications
42 similar to Reverse Alert alongside features such as free access to the National Oceanic and
43 Atmospheric Administration (“NOAA”) weather radio system, traffic and road closure
44 information from the Ohio Department of Transportation, and the ability to create and share
45 personal emergency plans with family and friends; and

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47 WHEREAS, three organizations, Victim Assistance Program of Summit County, the City
48 of Tallmadge, and Cleveland Clinic Akron General, participated in EMA’s Summit Ready
49 program, a free, voluntary emergency management certification program offered to all 31
50 communities in Summit County and all Summit County organizations; and

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4 WHEREAS, through these programs, Summit County residents are better prepared to
5 protect themselves and their loved ones in the event of an emergency; and

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7 WHEREAS, Summit County EMA works closely with every community in the County to
8 plan for and respond to disasters and emergencies, and coordinates resources throughout the
9 County; and

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11 WHEREAS, residents can continue to engage with these efforts by visiting Ready.gov to
12 better understand potential threats and the steps they can take to prepare for disasters and
13 emergencies; and

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15 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
16 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit and its residents that September
17 2024 be declared Preparedness Month in Summit County, promoting family and community
18 disaster and emergency planning for residents of Summit County; and

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

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23 SECTION 1

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25 The month of September 2024 is hereby declared Preparedness Month in Summit County,
26 and the residents of Summit County are encouraged to join in this acknowledgement.

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28 SECTION 2

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30 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
31 welfare of the residents and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of
32 declaring September 2024 to be Preparedness Month in Summit County.

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34 SECTION 3

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

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40 SECTION 4

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

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4 INTRODUCED August 5, 2024

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

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14 APPROVED August 19, 2024

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EXECUTIVE

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21 ENACTED EFFECTIVE August 20, 2024

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Rita S. Darrow
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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