

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-229

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole

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5 DATE August 5, 2024 COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution declaring the month of September 2024 as Recovery Month in Summit County**
8 **and encouraging the residents of Summit County to join in this acknowledgment, for the**
9 **Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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11 WHEREAS, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
12 (“SAMHSA”) under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services sponsors Recovery
13 Month each September to increase awareness and understanding of mental health disorders and
14 substance use disorders (SUD), as well as celebrate those who are recovering; and

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16 WHEREAS, Recovery Month promotes the community benefits of prevention, treatment,
17 and recovery from mental health disorders such as depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, body
18 dysmorphic disorder, dissociative disorders, and substance use disorders such as opioid use
19 disorder, cannabis use disorder, nicotine use disorder, and alcohol use disorder, etc.; and

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21 WHEREAS, the 2024 theme “Art of Recovery” seeks to recognize the transformative
22 impact of art on mental health and substance use recovery and the ability of creative expression to
23 help individuals find connection, healing, and empowerment; and

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25 WHEREAS, Summit Artspace has shared this vision for many years through their
26 Overdose Awareness Exhibition in partnership with Summit County Public Health on display from
27 July 12 through September 14, 2024 showcasing art exploring personal experience with overdose
28 and addiction, honoring loved ones who have died without stigma, and acknowledging the grief
29 of those mourning loved ones; and

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31 WHEREAS, in Summit County we embrace the message that prevention, treatment, and
32 recovery are effective, achievable, and worthwhile, as well as the idea that behavioral health is
33 integral to the holistic health of individuals and communities; and

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35 WHEREAS, the Executive’s Office recently became certified as a Recovery Friendly
36 Workplace through Summit County Public Health’s program to recognize recovery from substance
37 use disorder as a strength and to encourage a healthy and safe environment for employees; and

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39 WHEREAS, the Recovery Friendly Workplace Summit County initiative is administered
40 by Summit County Public Health and is available to for any organization, government agency, or
41 business in Summit County with goals to make positive changes in the workplace and eliminate
42 barriers and stigma for those impacted by addiction; and

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44 WHEREAS, we encourage loved ones of people struggling or recovering from mental
45 health conditions and substance use disorders to learn about potential disorders and their signs, to
46 intervene and guide loved ones when possible, and to continue to champion recovery as a lifelong
47 mission that our community believes in; and

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49 WHEREAS, substance use remains a serious problem in our community and the opioid
50 epidemic continues to cause unprecedented hardship and loss for so many residents; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Opiate Abatement Advisory Council has invested \$16.8 million to date in
5 organizations, programs, and services that stem the epidemic and support residents, including on
6 a new data platform “Unite Us” and

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8 WHEREAS, the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Services (“ADM”) Board
9 continues to invest in the community to advance prevention, treatment, recovery, and serves as a
10 hub for essential information and resources to organizations and residents; and

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12 WHEREAS, these entities are among multiple critical partners building a County that
13 accepts and supports people at every point on the path of recovery; and

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16 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
17 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to declare the month of
18 September 2024 as Recovery Month in Summit County and to encourage the residents of Summit
19 County to join in this acknowledgment;

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

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24 SECTION 1

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

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29 SECTION 2

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31 The resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and
32 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason of immediately
33 declaring September 2024 as Recovery Month in Summit County prior to the commencement of
34 the month.

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36 SECTION 3

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

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42 SECTION 4

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

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4 INTRODUCED August 5, 2024

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7 ADOPTED August 19, 2024

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11 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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14 APPROVED August 19, 2024

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18 EXECUTIVE

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21 ENACTED EFFECTIVE August 20, 2024

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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