

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-262

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole

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5 DATE September 9, 2024 COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution declaring the month of October 2024 as Safe Sleep and SIDS Awareness Month,**
8 **highlighting the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (“SIDS”) among infants, the**
9 **importance of safe sleep practices in reducing SIDS, and uplifting families with newborns,**
10 **for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (“SIDS”) is defined as the sudden and
13 unexpected death of an infant due to natural or unnatural causes where all other possible causes of
14 sudden unexplained death have been ruled out, and is the leading cause of death among infants
15 between 1 month and 1 year old; and

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17 WHEREAS, Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths (“SUID”) is defined as a broader category
18 of unexplained deaths that lack the investigatory rigor of SIDS but still include unexpected,
19 unexplained deaths among infants; and

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21 WHEREAS, SUID account for an estimated 3,400 infant deaths each year according to the
22 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and though rates have declined since the 1990s,
23 significant racial and ethnic disparities persist; and

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25 WHEREAS, safe sleep practices, including always placing babies on their backs, removing
26 all toys, pillows, blankets, and bumpers, prioritizing sleep in a crib, and using a pacifier at nap or
27 bedtime, can all help prevent SIDS and other health risks; and

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29 WHEREAS, educating parents and families in Summit County is crucial to preventing
30 SIDS and other health risks; and Full Term First Birthday is a collective impact collaborative
31 advocating for policies, educating our community, and informing our Greater Akron residents
32 about programs that promote healthy, full-term pregnancies and ensure every child celebrates a
33 first birthday; and

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35 WHEREAS, through the use of data-driven initiatives, evidence/community-based
36 practices and community voice, the Full Term First Birthday collaborative is dedicated to
37 increasing awareness and the elimination of unsafe sleep in Summit County; and

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39 WHEREAS, the National Institutes of Health is promoting the #ClearTheCrib Challenge,
40 an awareness campaign to educate families about the importance of a safe sleep environment which
41 includes babies on their backs, in a crib and with no objects in the sleep area; and

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43 WHEREAS, infant health is of major importance to the overall health and wellbeing of
44 families in Summit County; and

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46 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
47 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit that October 2024 be declared
48 Safe Sleep and SIDS Awareness Month in Summit County, and encouraging the residents of
49 Summit County to join in this acknowledgement;

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

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4 SECTION 1

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6 The month of October 2024 is hereby declared Safe Sleep and Sudden Infant Death
7 Syndrome (“SIDS”) Awareness Month in Summit County, and the residents of Summit County
8 are encouraged to join in this acknowledgement.

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10 SECTION 2

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12 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
13 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately declare
14 October 2024 as Safe Sleep and SIDS Awareness Month in Summit County.

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16 SECTION 3

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

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22 SECTION 4

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

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31 INTRODUCED September 9, 2024

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33 ADOPTED September 23, 2024

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35 **DocuSigned by:**
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37 **CLERK OF COUNCIL**
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Rita J. Darrow
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39 **PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**
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39 APPROVED September 23, 2024

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41 **DocuSigned by:**
Jane Shapiro
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43 **EXECUTIVE**
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Voice Vote – YES: 10 – 0: Darrow, Dickinson,
Donofrio, Ford, Kacyon, McKenney, Rodgers,
Schmidt, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite
Absent: Walters

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45 ENACTED EFFECTIVE September 24, 2024