

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-263

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole

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5 DATE September 9, 2024 COMMITTEE Committee of the Whole

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7 **A Resolution declaring October 7, 2024 as North American First People’s Day in Summit**
8 **County, honoring the history and culture of Native Americans, acknowledging the efforts to**
9 **preserve this history in the United States, in the State of Ohio, and in Summit County, and**
10 **encouraging residents to join in the acknowledgement, for the Executive, and declaring an**
11 **emergency.**

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13 WHEREAS, the land on which Summit County was established was first inhabited ten
14 thousand years ago by ancestors of the indigenous First Nations; and

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16 WHEREAS, some Seneca, Cayuga, and Lenape (Delaware) peoples, displaced by colonial
17 settlements, relocated from what is now the eastern United States to Northeast Ohio; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Seneca and Cayuga (Mingo) and Lenape (Delaware) peoples were further
20 displaced with the passing of the Indian Removal Act of 1830, which uprooted indigenous people
21 and forcibly moved them west to what is now Kansas and Oklahoma; and

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23 WHEREAS, in 2016 and 2017, in an effort to reconnect with the history of this land, The
24 Lippman School forged a relationship with the Northern Cheyenne of Montana and, together, the
25 tribe, the school, and the community walked the ancient trail known as the Portage Path; and

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27 WHEREAS, in 2018 and 2019, students at The Lippman School partook in a problem-
28 based learning challenge to unite the community around this historic site and to honor the first
29 people who walked the Portage Path, and presented their solution, North American First People’s
30 Day; and

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32 WHEREAS, Summit County Council then adopted Resolution No. 2019-161, declaring
33 the first Monday of each October as North American First People’s Day, encouraging residents to
34 learn about and appreciate the first stewards of this land and to recognize the atrocities endured by
35 indigenous peoples of the past and present, as well as how these atrocities affect their descendants;
36 and

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38 WHEREAS, North American First People’s Day moves our community toward a future of
39 understanding and healing, where we value the brilliance and bravery of the First Nations and
40 build relationships with indigenous communities, such as the Northern Cheyenne of Montana; and

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42 WHEREAS, residents can participate in events such as Summit County Metro Parks’
43 Portage Path Walk led by Northern Cheyenne nation members, Archaeologist led “History of
44 Portage Path” walk, Native Film Screening at the Akron Art Museum, and other community events
45 throughout the week; and

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47 WHEREAS, residents of Summit County are encouraged to join in celebrating North
48 American First People’s Day and raise awareness and appreciation for indigenous people in our
49 community and beyond; and

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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 That October 7, 2024 is hereby declared as North American First People’s Day in Summit
7 County, and that this Council calls upon our residents to celebrate and honor the history, culture,
8 and contributions of Native Americans to our communities.

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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 and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of
14 immediately declaring October 7, 2024 as North American First People’s Day in Summit County.

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16 SECTION 3

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18 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight (8) members, it shall take
19 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take effect
20 and 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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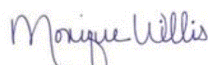
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31 INTRODUCED September 9, 2024

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33 ADOPTED September 23, 2024

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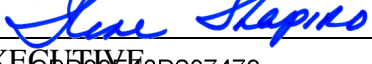
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40 APPROVED September 23, 2024

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45 ENACTED EFFECTIVE September 24, 2024

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