

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-265

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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 the month of October 2024 as National Arts and Humanities Month**
8 **in Summit County, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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10 WHEREAS, the National Endowment for the Arts estimates the arts economy accounted
11 for 4.31% of GDP in the United States, or over \$1.1 trillion, and employed 5.2 million workers
12 earning \$509.2 billion in total compensation; and

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14 WHEREAS, the most recent data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Commerce
15 Department stated that in 2022, Ohio added 3% or \$25 billion to the state economy from arts and
16 cultural production and employed over 157,000 workers in the arts and cultural industries, equating
17 to more than \$11.3 billion in wages and benefits; and

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19 WHEREAS, the creative economy employs and engages thousands of residents in Summit
20 County and beyond, generating \$1.4 billion and supporting thousands of jobs in the Akron
21 Metropolitan Statistical Area according to the Akron/Summit Cultural Plan; and

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23 WHEREAS, these arts and humanities organizations include ArtsNow, Summit ArtSpace,
24 the Akron Art Museum, Akron Civic Theatre, Akron Glass Works, the Summit County Historical
25 Society, Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, and dozens more; and

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27 WHEREAS, these organizations appeal to a wide range of interests, with more than 47%
28 of adults in Ohio attended live music, theater, or dance performances according to the 2017 Survey
29 of Public Participation in the Arts; and

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31 WHEREAS, the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the
32 Humanities and these local organizations recognize the impact of arts and humanities on the
33 country and Summit County every year by designating October as National Arts and Humanities
34 Month; and

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36 WHEREAS, National Arts and Humanities Month provides an opportunity for us to honor
37 our local artists, designers, musicians, entertainers, historians, writers, poets, and more, and thank
38 them for their contributions to our economy, culture, and community; and

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40 WHEREAS, in 2022, key funders provided \$6.25 million to 107 arts and entertainment
41 nonprofits in Summit County; and

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43 WHEREAS, visitors who attend arts and culture events spend an average \$31 more per
44 person than the cost of admission, supporting the local economy and businesses; and

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46 WHEREAS, the future of Summit County is brighter when we support the creativity,
47 brilliance, and innovations of all residents and organizations; and

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49 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
50 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to declare the month of October
51 2024 as National Arts and Humanities Month in Summit County;

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

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7 SECTION 1

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9 The month of October 2024 is hereby declared as National Arts and Humanities Month in
10 Summit County, and we call upon our residents to celebrate and promote the arts, humanities and
11 cultural organizations in our country and to specifically encourage the greater participation by
12 those said residents in taking action for the arts and humanities in their towns and cities.

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14 SECTION 2

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16 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
17 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately declare
18 October 2024 as National Arts and Humanities Month in Summit County.

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20 SECTION 3

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

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26 SECTION 4

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

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35 INTRODUCED September 9, 2024

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37 ADOPTED September 23, 2024

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39 **DocuSigned by:**
Monique Willis

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41 CLERK OF COUNCIL
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DocuSigned by:
Rita J. Darrow

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL
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45 APPROVED September 23, 2024

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47 **DocuSigned by:**
Jane Shapiro

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49 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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49 ENACTED EFFECTIVE September 24, 2024