

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-270

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE September 23, 2024 COMMITTEE Rules

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute an agreement and any other necessary**  
8 **related documents with the Akron Community Foundation in order to establish a**  
9 **Supporting Organization, in accordance with the terms of Exhibit A, to support the health**  
10 **and safety of County residents, and authorizing the contribution of an initial amount not to**  
11 **exceed \$45,000,000.00, and a total amount not to exceed \$70,000,000.00 of Opioid Settlement**  
12 **Dollars, for the Executive, and declaring and emergency.**

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14 WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution Nos. 2019-332 and 2019-361, this Council authorized  
15 the Executive to settle any and all claims, and to execute any corresponding settlement agreements,  
16 in litigation titled In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, Case No. 1:17-MD-2804, before  
17 Judge Dan Aaron Polster in the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio (the  
18 “Lawsuit”), resulting in an unprecedented amount of settlements; and

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20 WHEREAS, the Executive convened the Key Stakeholders Group and the Opiate  
21 Abatement Advisory Council (“OAAC”) to help determine how to spend the opiate money to best  
22 serve the residents of the County; and

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24 WHEREAS, an Opiate Abatement Strategy was developed as a guiding document for  
25 expending monies received through the settlement of the Lawsuit, and identified four pillars of  
26 focus: (1) treatment, (2) system and infrastructure, (3) harm reduction, and (4) education; and

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28 WHEREAS, the County of Summit has a unique opportunity to dedicate settlement funds  
29 to support the health and safety of County residents through the creation of a separate, tax-exempt  
30 charitable organization to benefit County residents; and

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32 WHEREAS, the Executive wishes to support the establishment of a “Supporting  
33 Organization” of the Akron Community Foundation (“ACF”), as described in Exhibit A, a copy  
34 of which is attached hereto and incorporated fully herein by reference; and

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36 WHEREAS, the County would jointly develop with ACF a leadership structure for the  
37 Supporting Organization involving a Board of Directors and committees through which thought  
38 leaders and experts will participate in framing the Supporting Organization’s initiatives and  
39 oversee its operations. The Board of Directors of the Supporting Organization will define the  
40 strategic initiatives and guide the Supporting Organization’s grant making, investments, and  
41 activities in an effort to address those health and safety issues most urgent to County residents and  
42 for which the Supporting Organization’s funding and involvement are likely to make a positive  
43 and meaningful difference; and

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45 WHEREAS, the Supporting Organization is expected to have the flexibility to: (1) fund  
46 innovative approaches designed to drive positive health and safety outcomes, (2) provide seed  
47 funding for new and creative health, disease, and addiction prevention and/or treatment  
48 methodologies, (3) act as a convener to attract other funders and community partners for ongoing  
49 funding of successful projects initially funded by the Support Organization, and (4) invest in  
50 prevention protocols to abate the onset of health issues; and

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4 WHEREAS, this initiative will be a unique and longstanding dedication of funds that could  
5 transform healthcare programs and outcomes, ultimately advancing the social determinates of  
6 health, wellbeing, and public safety of County residents; and

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8 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,  
9 that is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the Executive to  
10 execute an agreement and any other necessary related documents with the Akron Community  
11 Foundation in order to establish a Supporting Organization, in accordance with the terms of Exhibit  
12 A, and contribute an initial amount not to exceed \$45,000,000.00, and a total amount not to exceed  
13 \$70,000,000.00 of Opioid Settlement Dollars;

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15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State  
16 of Ohio, that;

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18 SECTION 1

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20 The Executive is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any other necessary  
21 related documents with the Akron Community Foundation in order to establish a Supporting  
22 Organization, in accordance with the terms of Exhibit A, a copy of which is attached hereto and  
23 incorporated fully herein by reference, to support the health and safety of County residents, and is  
24 authorized to execute the contribution of an initial amount not to exceed \$45,000,000.00, and a  
25 total amount not to exceed \$70,000,000.00 of Opioid Settlement Dollars.

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27 SECTION 2

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29 This Resolution is declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and welfare  
30 of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason that it authorizes the immediate  
31 formation of the aforementioned Supporting Organization.

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33 SECTION 3

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

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39 SECTION 4

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

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5 INTRODUCED September 23, 2024

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11 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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