

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-271

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE September 23, 2024

COMMITTEE Finance

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7 **A Resolution in support of utilizing payroll withholding as means for Summit County**
8 **employees to contribute to the STABLE Account Program, administered by the State of Ohio**
9 **Treasurer’s Office, for the Executive and the Fiscal Officer, and declaring an emergency.**

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11 WHEREAS, in 2014, the United States Congress passed the Achieving a Better Life
12 Experience (ABLE) Act as part of the Tax Increase Prevention Act of 2014 and subsequently the
13 STABLE Account Program launched in 2016; and

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15 WHEREAS, subsequently, in 2015, the Ohio Statehouse passed House Bill 155,
16 implementing the federal ABLE Act in Ohio and authorizing the Ohio Treasurer to administer the
17 Program; and

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19 WHEREAS, a STABLE Account is a specialized saving and investment account for
20 individuals living with a disability or with family members living with a disability that allows them
21 to save and invest money without losing eligibility for certain public benefits programs, such as
22 Medicaid or Supplemental Security Income; and

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24 WHEREAS, earnings in a STABLE Account are not subject to federal income tax, so long
25 as the earnings are spent on qualified disability expenses, including living expenses, education,
26 housing, transportation, employment support, assistive technology, personal support service,
27 health and wellness, administrative services, financial management, and legal fees; and

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29 WHEREAS, prior to this program, people living with disabilities could only save a total of
30 \$2,000.00 before losing their benefits; and

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32 WHEREAS, through the STABLE Program, account holders can save up to \$17,000.00
33 each year without jeopardizing federal assistance, and, if the account holder is employed, they can
34 save an additional \$13,590.00 a year; and

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36 WHEREAS, STABLE accounts empower individuals to prepare for the future and save
37 long-term for critical disability expenses for themselves or a family member; and

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39 WHEREAS, the County of Summit supports a payroll direct deposit option for eligible
40 Summit County employees to invest in a STABLE Account; and

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42 WHEREAS, the initiation of this program is a positive way to recognize National
43 Disability Employment Awareness Month in October, and

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45 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
46 that is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to support the utilization of
47 payroll withholding as means for Summit County employees to contribute to the STABLE
48 Account Program, administered by the State of Ohio Treasurer’s Office;

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

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4 SECTION 1

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6 This Council is in support of utilizing payroll withholding as means for Summit County
7 employees to contribute to the STABLE Account Program, administered by the State of Ohio
8 Treasurer's Office.

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10 SECTION 2

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12 This Resolution is declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and welfare
13 of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason that offers support for the
14 County's participation in the STABLE Account Program.

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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 any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in
27 meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22
28 of the Ohio Revised Code.

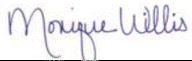
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30 INTRODUCED September 23, 2024

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32 ADOPTED October 7, 2024

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36 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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36 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

38 APPROVED October 7, 2024

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42 EXECUTIVE

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Voice Vote – YES: 11 – 0: Darrow, Dickinson,
Donofrio, Ford, Kacyon, McKenney, Rodgers,
Schmidt, Wiedie Higham, Walters, Wilhite

44 ENACTED EFFECTIVE October 8, 2024