

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-342

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro, Mr. Ford, Mr. Wilhite, Council as a Whole

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5 DATE December 2, 2024 COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a Gift Agreement with the**
8 **Akron Community Foundation for the establishment of a Field of Interest Fund to**
9 **support and enhance the health and safety of minority and disadvantaged County**
10 **of Summit residents, and authorizing the contribution of an amount not to exceed**
11 **\$5,000,000.00 of Opioid Settlement Dollars, for the Executive, the Opiate**
12 **Abatement Advisory Council, and the Key Stakeholders Group, and declaring an**
13 **emergency.**

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

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

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

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30 WHEREAS, the County of Summit has a unique opportunity to dedicate funds to
31 support the health and safety of minority and disadvantaged County residents and the
32 County plans to commit funds for the purpose of addressing the significant health and
33 safety issues faced by its minority and disadvantaged residents with a focus on
34 historically marginalized and underrepresented communities, with the goal of
35 improving the overall health and safety of the County; and

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37 WHEREAS, the County of Summit plans to accomplish the aforementioned
38 objective by establishing a Field of Interest Fund (“FOIF”) of the Akron Community
39 Foundation (“ACF”), as described in the Executive Summary and Term Sheet, a copy
40 of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated fully herein by reference; and

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42 WHEREAS, the FOIF will be led by an advisory committee comprised of subject
43 matter experts who bring a diversity of thought and lived experiences, through which
44 thought leaders and experts will participate in framing the FOIF’s initiatives; and

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WHEREAS, it is expected that the FOIF will be used to address systemic inequities in addiction prevention, treatment, and recovery; support innovative programming tailored to underserved communities; build capacity within minority and disadvantaged resident-led organizations and communities to expand their impact; and act as a convener; and

10 WHEREAS, this initiative will be a unique and longstanding dedication of funds
11 that could transform healthcare programs and outcomes, ultimately advancing the social
12 determinates of health, wellbeing, and public safety of County residents; and
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14 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent
15 information, that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to
16 authorize the Executive to execute a Gift Agreement and any other necessary related
17 documents with the Akron Community Foundation in order to establish a Field of
18 Interest Fund, in accordance with the terms of Exhibit A, and to contribute an amount
19 not to exceed \$5,000,000.00;
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21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the County of
22 Summit, State of Ohio, that:

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SECTION 1

26 The Executive is hereby authorized to execute a Gift Agreement and any other
27 necessary related documents with the Akron Community Foundation in order to
28 establish a Field of Interest Fund, in accordance with the terms of the Executive
29 Summary and Term Sheet, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and
30 incorporated fully herein by reference, and to contribute an amount not to exceed
31 \$5,000,000.00 of Opioid Settlement Dollars, to support and enhance the health and
32 safety of minority and disadvantaged County of Summit residents.
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SECTION 2

36 This Resolution is declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and
37 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason that it
38 authorizes the immediate creation and funding of the aforementioned Field of Interest
39 Fund.
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SECTION 3

43 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall
44 take effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it
45 shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.
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4 SECTION 4

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

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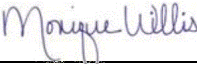
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13 INTRODUCED December 2, 2024

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15 ADOPTED December 9, 2024

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29 ENACTED EFFECTIVE December 10, 2024

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