

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-032

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE January 27, 2025 COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a grant agreement with Akron Children’s**
8 **Hospital Foundation to provide funding for the implementation of the county-wide Unite Us**
9 **data sharing platform, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 of Opioid Settlement Dollars,**
10 **for the Executive, the Opiate Abatement Advisory Council and the Key Stakeholders Group,**
11 **and declaring an emergency.**

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

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

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

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27 WHEREAS, subsequently, this Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-024, authorizing the
28 Executive to execute a professional service contract with Unite USA, Inc. for a data sharing
29 platform for a comprehensive solution for care coordination for individuals with substance use
30 disorder, for a five-year term; and

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32 WHEREAS, the County Executive’s Department of Public Safety has worked with the
33 hospital systems, including Akron Children’s Hospital, to onboard them to the county-wide Unite
34 Us data sharing platform; and

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36 WHEREAS, subsequently, this Council adopted Resolution No. 2025-010, authorizing the
37 Executive to execute grant agreements with Summa Hospital Foundation and the Cleveland Clinic
38 Foundation respectively, for the implementation of the county-wide Unite Us data sharing
39 platform; and

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41 WHEREAS, there is an additional cost for hospital systems to onboard with Unite Us due
42 to the integration of existing technologies; and

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44 WHEREAS, the Executive wishes to provide funding to the Akron Children’s Hospital
45 Foundation in order to allow the hospital to incorporate the county-wide Unite Us data sharing
46 platform; and

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48 WHEREAS, the additional funding will be paid for using settlement funds from the opioid
49 Lawsuit; and

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4 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
5 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the Executive to
6 execute a grant agreement with Akron Children’s Hospital Foundation to provide funding for the
7 implementation of the county-wide Unite Us data sharing platform, in an amount not to exceed
8 \$100,000.00, to be paid for from settlement dollars received by the County in the Lawsuit;

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

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13 SECTION 1

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15 The Executive is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement with Akron Children’s
16 Hospital Foundation to provide funding for the implementation of the county-wide Unite Us data
17 sharing platform, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 of Opioid Settlement Dollars, and the
18 Executive is hereby authorized to execute any necessary related documents.

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20 SECTION 2

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22 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
23 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason that it immediately
24 provides funding for additional care coordination and treatment to individuals with substance use
25 disorder thus furthering the County’s desire to abate the nuisance created by the proliferation of
26 opioids.

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28 SECTION 3

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

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34 SECTION 4

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

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44 INTRODUCED January 27, 2025

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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