

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-087

SPONSOR Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole

DATE March 24, 2025 COMMITTEE Human Services

A Resolution declaring the month of April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the County of Summit and encouraging residents to join in this acknowledgement and Wear Blue on April 9, 2025, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, Summit County recognizes the importance of raising awareness in our community for the prevention and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, child abuse often results in serious psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse, this abuse being a serious problem that affects every segment of our community; and

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention activities succeed because of partnerships between governments, non-profits, healthcare organizations, child protection organizations, educational institutions, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; and

WHEREAS, every child deserves to grow up in a safe and loving environment, free of abuse and neglect, so that they can prosper and live full, happy lives; and

WHEREAS, Summit County Children Services (“SCCS”) has provided support to families for more than 144 years, serving 1 out of every 12 children last year with the goal of ensuring that children in Summit County can grow up in a safe environment. In 2024, 9,291 children received services by SCCS; and

WHEREAS, SCCS provides a 24-Hour Child Abuse Hotline, 330-434-KIDS (5437) where 9,119 total intake calls were received last year and offers many resources to our community; and

WHEREAS, reminding residents of resources as well as improving and creating resources are essential to the wellbeing of children in Summit County;

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

SECTION 1

The month of April 2025 is hereby declared Child Abuse Prevention Month in Summit County and April 9, 2025, Wear Blue Day, and the residents and employees of Summit County are encouraged to join in this acknowledgement by wearing blue to raise awareness that child abuse is preventable.

SECTION 2

This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of the residents and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of immediately declaring April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Summit County.

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SECTION 3

Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight (8) members, it shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.

SECTION 4

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

INTRODUCED March 24, 2025

ADOPTED March 31, 2025

Signed by:

Monique Willis

CLERK OF COUNCIL

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Rita J. Darrow

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED March 31, 2025

Signed by:

Gene Shapiro

EXECUTIVE

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

ENACTED EFFECTIVE April 1, 2025