

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-088

SPONSOR Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole

DATE March 24, 2025 COMMITTEE Human Services

**A Resolution declaring the month of April 2025 as Minority Health Month in Summit County, recognizing the health inequalities facing minority communities, and encouraging all health organizations to conduct appropriate programs and activities to promote healthfulness in minority communities, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

WHEREAS, National Minority Health Month was first recognized nationally by Congress in 2002 with its origin dating back to 1915 with the establishment of National Negro Health Week by Booker T. Washington; and

WHEREAS, it is important to raise awareness about health disparities that continue to affect racial and ethnic minority populations and encourage action through health education, early detection, and control of disease complications; and

WHEREAS, Summit County Public Health's Office of Minority Health is dedicated to providing minority health data and technical assistance to local agencies working to improve the health status of minority populations; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Minority Health works to eliminate differences in health status between racial and ethnic minority and non-minority populations by providing leadership and guidance on best ways to address racial and ethnic health disparity and specific health needs of racial and ethnic minority groups; and

WHEREAS, health disparities exist throughout Summit County, from chronic disease to maternal and child health, residents of racial and ethnic minority populations frequently have worse health outcomes than the average resident; and

WHEREAS, Summit County Public Health's most recent Community Health Improvement Plan highlights the need to address health equity, especially in the areas of adolescent health, the aging population, chronic disease, maternal and child health, and mental health and addiction, which requires a commitment to routine and thorough analysis of local health disparities and their root causes; and

WHEREAS, agencies and organizations across Summit County are committed to addressing this need and improving health equity and outcomes; and

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 Minority Health Month in Summit County, and the residents and employees of Summit County are encouraged to join in this acknowledgement.

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4 SECTION 2

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6 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
7 welfare of the residents and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of  
8 immediately declaring April 2025 as Minority Health Month in Summit County.

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10 SECTION 3

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

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16 SECTION 4

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

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25 INTRODUCED March 24, 2025

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27 ADOPTED March 31, 2025

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29 Signed by:  
30 Monique Willis

31 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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33 APPROVED March 31, 2025

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35 Signed by:  
36 June Shapiro

37 EXECUTIVE

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39 ENACTED EFFECTIVE April 1, 2025

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Rita S. Darrow

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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