

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-154

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro, Ms. Dickinson, Ms. Walters, Council as a Whole

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5 DATE May 12, 2025 COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution declaring Friday, June 6, 2025 as Gun Violence Awareness Day in Summit**
8 **County to honor and remember the victims and survivors of gun violence and to join in**
9 **calling for the prevention of gun violence by wearing orange, for the Executive, and declaring**
10 **an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, 40,990 people died from gun violence in the United States in 2024 according
13 to the Gun Violence Archive, which includes 16,834 homicides and 24,156 suicides; and

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15 WHEREAS, mass shootings are defined by the Gun Violence Archive as an incident where
16 at least four people were shot, either injured or killed, not including the shooter; and

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18 WHEREAS, the Gun Violence Archive reported 502 mass shootings in 2024 and as of
19 April 22, 2025 there have been 102 mass shootings in 2025, and since 2013, there have been 6,634
20 mass shootings in the United States; and

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22 WHEREAS, suicides contributed to 6 in 10 gun deaths in 2023, according to the Centers
23 for Disease Control and Prevention, with gun suicides reaching an all-time high in 2022; and

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25 WHEREAS, gun violence in the United States has affected nearly every community, with
26 mass shootings since the last Gun Violence Awareness Day including the June 2, 2024 shooting
27 in Akron which killed one and injured 29 others, the July 6 shooting in Akron which injured a
28 toddler and three adults, the January 1, 2025 truck attack and shooting on Bourbon Street in New
29 Orleans, Louisiana which killed one and injured 5 with a firearm in addition to fourteen killed and
30 dozens more injured in the truck attack, and the April 17 school shooting at Florida State
31 University which killed two food service employees and injured 6 others including the shooter;
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34 WHEREAS, according to a KFF analysis of data from the Centers of Disease Control and
35 Prevention (“CDC”) firearms surpassed motor vehicle accidents as the leading cause of death
36 among children aged 1-19 in 2020 and 2021, and has continued to be the leading cause of death
37 for this age group for the past five years; and

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39 WHEREAS, KFF reports the United States has the highest child and teen firearm mortality
40 rate among developed countries at 6.01 deaths per 100,000 among people aged 1-19, with the next
41 highest being Canada at 0.62 deaths per 100,000; and

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43 WHEREAS, among the highest responsibilities of elected officials is the obligation to
44 prevent and respond to violence, in this case gun violence, and to protect the health and safety of
45 the community; and

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47 WHEREAS, local officials are closest to their communities and best positioned to
48 understand the needs of residents and ensure their safety and wellbeing; and

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50 WHEREAS, in 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was shot and killed at the age of 15 on a
51 playground in Chicago, spurring her loved ones to wear orange in her honor of her and other
52 victims of gun violence every year thereafter; and

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4 WHEREAS, orange was chosen by Hadiya's loved ones because it is the color hunters
5 wear in the woods to protect themselves and others; and

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7 WHEREAS, leaders and residents are asked to join in mourning those lost and standing
8 together against gun violence by wearing orange on Gun Violence Awareness Day, June 6, 2025;
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11 WHEREAS, the commitment of the County of Summit to prevent firearms from ending up
12 in the wrong hands, to encourage responsible and safe ownership and use of firearms, and to reduce
13 gun violence and keep the community safe reminds steadfast;

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

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18 SECTION 1

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20 The day of Friday, June 6, 2025 is hereby declared Gun Violence Awareness Day in the
21 County of Summit to honor and remember victims and survivors of gun violence, reaffirm the
22 commitment to preventing gun violence, and encouraging the residents of Summit County to join
23 in this acknowledgment by wearing orange on that day.

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25 SECTION 2

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27 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
28 welfare of the residents and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of
29 immediately declaring Friday, June 6, 2025 as Gun Violence Awareness Day in Summit County.

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31 SECTION 3

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

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37 SECTION 4

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

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5 INTRODUCED May 12, 2025

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11 CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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