

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-156

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole

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5 DATE May 12, 2025 COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution declaring Sunday, June 15, 2025 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Summit**
8 **County and encouraging residents to participate in any events and programs designed to**
9 **raise awareness of and prevent the abuse of older adults, for the Executive, and declaring an**
10 **emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was launched on June 15, 2006 by the
13 International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization to
14 raise awareness of elder abuse and leverage resources to protect older adults; and

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16 WHEREAS, in February 2012, the Ohio General Assembly passed H.B. 215 naming June
17 15 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day; and

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19 WHEREAS, elder abuse includes physical and emotional abuse, neglect, and financial
20 exploitation that may harm seniors or result in the death of seniors; and

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22 WHEREAS, elder abuse affects seniors of all socio-economic, racial, and cultural
23 backgrounds, and occurs across the country and the world in homes, healthcare facilities, offices,
24 and—increasingly—online; and

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26 WHEREAS, an estimated 200,000 older Ohioans face elder abuse annually, but the Ohio
27 Department of Job and Family Services receives only about 36,000 calls annually, suggesting a
28 severe underreporting of elder abuse across the state; and

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30 WHEREAS, Summit County Department Job and Family Services' Adult Protective
31 Services operates a hotline (330-643-7217) to report alleged abuse, neglect or exploitation of older
32 adults; and

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34 WHEREAS, Summit County Adult Protective Services received 2,654 calls to their hotline
35 in 2,654; 1,080 of these calls were opened for investigation including 121 cases for abuse, 652
36 cases for neglect or self-neglect, and 307 cases for exploitation; and

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38 WHEREAS, the perpetrators of elder abuse are not only strangers, but often friends, family,
39 caregivers, and other people whom seniors rely on for support; and

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41 WHEREAS, the Executive and this Council are committed to protecting the rights of
42 seniors in Summit County to live safe, full lives free from abuse, and by raising awareness about
43 this issue and the resources dedicated to preventing and addressing elder abuse; and

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45 WHEREAS, the Summit County Department of Job and Family Services continues to raise
46 awareness about the dangers of elder abuse and neglect through communication campaigns and
47 collaborations with local organizations; and

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49 WHEREAS, the Adult Protective Services Program continues to protect older adults in
50 Summit County by providing or arranging remedies for the abuse, neglect, and or exploitation of
51 older adults; and
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4 WHEREAS, the Probate Court and Executive's Office continue to protect older adults by
5 informing professionals about elder abuse through the annual Senior Summit; and
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7 WHEREAS, Outsmart the Scam, an education series convened by the Executive,
8 Prosecutor, and Sheriff to educate all residents about common financial scams and to empower
9 them to take measures to protect themselves and their families, is highly relevant to older adults
10 who are commonly victimized via phone, text, email, and other communications; and
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12 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
13 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to declare Saturday, June 15, 2025 as
14 Elder Abuse Awareness Day and to encourage the residents of the County to participate in events
15 observing that day;
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17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the County of Summit, State
18 of Ohio, that:
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20 SECTION 1

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22 This Council hereby declares Saturday, June 15, 2025 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day and
23 encourages all the residents and employees of the County to participate in any events and programs
24 offered in observance of this day.
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26 SECTION 2

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28 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
29 welfare of the residents and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of
30 immediately declaring Sunday, June 15, 2025 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Summit County.
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32 SECTION 3

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34 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight (8) members, it shall take
35 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take effect
36 and be in force at the earliest possible time provided by law.
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38 SECTION 4

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40 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
41 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
42 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were
43 in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22
44 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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