

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-257

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE September 8, 2025 COMMITTEE Committee of the Whole

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7 **A Resolution declaring October 6, 2025 as North American First People’s Day in Summit**
8 **County, honoring the history and culture of Native Americans, acknowledging the efforts to**
9 **preserve this history in the United States, in the State of Ohio, and in Summit County, and**
10 **encouraging residents to join in the acknowledgement, for the Executive, and declaring an**
11 **emergency.**

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13 WHEREAS, the land on which Summit County was established was first inhabited ten
14 thousand years ago by ancestors of the indigenous First Nations; and

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16 WHEREAS, some Seneca, Cayuga, and Lenape (Delaware) peoples, displaced by colonial
17 settlements, relocated from what is now the eastern United States to Northeast Ohio; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Seneca and Cayuga (Mingo) and Lenape (Delaware) peoples were further
20 displaced with the passing of the Indian Removal Act of 1830, which uprooted indigenous people
21 and forcibly moved them west to what is now Kansas and Oklahoma; and

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23 WHEREAS, in 2016 and 2017, in an effort to reconnect with the history of this land, The
24 Lippman School forged a relationship with the Northern Cheyenne of Montana and, together, the
25 tribe, the school, and the community walked the ancient trail known as the Portage Path; and

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27 WHEREAS, in 2018 and 2019, students at The Lippman School partook in a problem-
28 based learning challenge to unite the community around this historic site and to honor the first
29 people who walked the Portage Path, and presented their solution, North American First People’s
30 Day; and

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32 WHEREAS, this Council previously Resolution No. 2019-161, declaring the first Monday
33 of each October as North American First People’s Day, encouraging residents to learn about and
34 appreciate the first stewards of this land and to recognize the atrocities endured by indigenous
35 peoples of the past and present, as well as how these atrocities affect their descendants; and

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37 WHEREAS, North American First People’s Day moves our community toward a future of
38 understanding and healing, where we value the brilliance and bravery of the First Nations and
39 build relationships with indigenous communities, such as the Northern Cheyenne of Montana; and

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41 WHEREAS, residents can participate in events such as Summit County Metro Parks’
42 Portage Path Walk led by Northern Cheyenne nation members, archaeologist led “History of
43 Portage Path” walk, Native Film Screening at the Akron Art Museum, and other community events
44 throughout the week; and

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46 WHEREAS, residents of Summit County are encouraged to join in celebrating North
47 American First People’s Day and raise awareness and appreciation for indigenous people in our
48 community and beyond; and

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50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State
51 of Ohio, that:
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4 SECTION 1

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6 The day of October 6, 2025 is hereby declared as North American First People's Day in
7 Summit County, and the residents of Summit County are encouraged to join in this
8 acknowledgement.

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10 SECTION 2

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12 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
13 welfare of the residents and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of
14 immediately declaring October 6, 2025 as North American First People's Day in Summit County.

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16 SECTION 3

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

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22 SECTION 4

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

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31 INTRODUCED September 8, 2025

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37 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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