

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-258

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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 the month of October 2025 as National Arts and Humanities Month**
8 **in Summit County, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**
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10 WHEREAS, according to the National Endowment for the Arts estimates the arts economy
11 accounted for 4.2% of GDP in the United States, or over \$1.2 trillion, and employed 5.2 million
12 workers earning \$509.2 billion in total compensation; and
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14 WHEREAS, the most recent data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Commerce
15 Department stated that in 2023, Ohio added 3% or \$26.1 billion to the state economy from arts and
16 cultural production and employed over 150,000 workers in the arts and cultural industries, equating
17 to more than \$11.3 billion in wages and benefits; and
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19 WHEREAS, the creative economy employs and engages thousands of residents in Summit
20 County and beyond, generating \$1.5 billion and supporting thousands of jobs in the Akron
21 Metropolitan Statistical Area according to the Economic Contribution Analysis of Ohio's Creative
22 Industries report in 2024; and
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24 WHEREAS, these arts and humanities organizations include ArtsNow, Summit ArtSpace,
25 the Akron Art Museum, Akron Civic Theatre, Akron Glass Works, Blossom Music Center, Hale
26 Farm & Village, the Summit County Historical Society, Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, and dozens
27 more; and
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29 WHEREAS, these organizations appeal to a wide range of interests, with more than 47%
30 of adults in Ohio attended live music, theater, or dance performances according to the 2017 Survey
31 of Public Participation in the Arts; and
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33 WHEREAS, the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the
34 Humanities and these local organizations recognize the impact of arts and humanities on the
35 country and Summit County every year by designating October as National Arts and Humanities
36 Month; and
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38 WHEREAS, National Arts and Humanities Month provides an opportunity for us to honor
39 our local artists, designers, musicians, entertainers, historians, writers, poets, and more, and thank
40 them for their contributions to our economy, culture, and community; and
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42 WHEREAS, in 2024, key funders provided \$6.62 million in grants to nonprofits across
43 Summit County, compared to \$6.18 million in 2023; and
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45 WHEREAS, visitors who attend arts and culture events spend on average \$31 more per
46 person than the cost of admission, support the local economy and businesses; and
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48 WHEREAS, the future of Summit County is bright when we support the creativity,
49 brilliance, and innovations of all residents and organizations; and
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51 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
52 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to declare the month of October
53 2025 as National Arts and Humanities Month in Summit County;

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

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7 SECTION 1

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9 The month of October 2025 is hereby declared as National Arts and Humanities Month in
10 Summit County and the residents of Summit County are encouraged to join in this
11 acknowledgement and to celebrate and promote the arts, humanities and cultural organizations in
12 our country and to specifically encourage the greater participation by those said residents in taking
13 action for the arts and humanities in their towns and cities.

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15 SECTION 2

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17 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
18 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to declare October
19 2025 as National Arts and Humanities Month in Summit County.

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21 SECTION 3

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

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27 SECTION 4

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

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36 INTRODUCED September 8, 2025

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43 CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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