

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-276

SPONSOR Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole

DATE September 22, 2025 COMMITTEE Human Services

A Resolution declaring the month of October 2025 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Summit County, recognizing survivors, loved ones lost to breast cancer, and caregivers that supported individuals throughout their battles, reaffirming the need for early detection and a cure for breast cancer, and encouraging residents to wear pink on October 24, 2025, for the Executive and the Council, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, the National Breast Cancer Foundation reports that in 2025 an estimated 316,950 women and 2,800 men will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer, as well as 59,080 new cases of non-invasive (in situ) breast cancer, and an estimated 42,170 women and 510 men will die of breast cancer in the United States; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer among women in the United States, with 1 in 8 women, or approximately 13% of the female population in the U.S., being diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, 66% of breast cancer cases are diagnosed before the cancer has spread outside of the breast, at this stage it is easiest to treat, and emphasizing the importance of early detection and regular screenings; and

WHEREAS, racial disparities exist in breast cancer incidence and death rates, with breast cancer being the leading cause of cancer-related death in the United States for Black women and Hispanic women, Black women being the most likely to die from breast cancer than any other racial or ethnic group, and Ashkenazi Jewish women have a higher risk of breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, there are over 3.8 million breast cancer survivors in the United States that through advancements in prevention and care and through personal courage and strength have survived breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, sadly, thousands of people are lost to breast cancer each year despite their most valiant efforts and the support of their families, healthcare professionals, and communities; and

WHEREAS, when diagnosed at an early, localized stage, the 5-year survival rate for breast cancer is 99%, making early detection a high priority that can result in saving many, many lives; and

WHEREAS, there are thousands of residents and families in Summit County impacted by breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, by advocating for research to prevent, treat, and cure breast cancer, by encouraging our loved ones to commit to routine screening, and by supporting our loved ones through their struggles with breast cancer, our community can become happier and healthier; and

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4 WHEREAS, Summit County has committed to support its employees and encourage staff
5 to recognize the risk of breast cancer and the benefit of early detection via the Mammovan, a
6 mobile van brought to county buildings to provide routine mammograms for eligible employees,
7 beginning Tuesday, September 30 and various dates throughout the autumn; and

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9 WHEREAS, residents are encouraged to wear pink on October 24, 2025 in recognition of
10 Breast Cancer Awareness Month and in solidarity with all those who have been impacted by breast
11 cancer; and

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13 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
14 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit that October 2025 be declared
15 Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Summit County, and encouraging the residents of Summit
16 County to join in this acknowledgement by wearing pink on October 24, 2025;

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

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21 SECTION 1

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23 The month of October 2025 is hereby declared Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Summit
24 County, and the residents of Summit County are encouraged to join in this acknowledgement by
25 wearing pink on October 24, 2025.

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27 SECTION 2

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29 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
30 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately declare
31 October 2025 as Breast Cancer Awareness in Summit County.

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33 SECTION 3

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

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39 SECTION 4

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

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5 INTRODUCED September 22, 2025
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7 ADOPTED October 6, 2025
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9 Signed by:
10 Monique Willis
11 CLERK OF COUNCIL
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13 APPROVED October 6, 2025
14 Signed by:
15 Steve Shapiro
16 EXECUTIVE
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19 ENACTED EFFECTIVE October 7, 2025

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Rita J. Darrow
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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