

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2026-044

First Reading Passage Requested
(B. McKenney, B. Ford, E. Dickinson)

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3 SPONSORS Ms. McKenney, Mr. Ford, Ms. Dickinson, Mr. Wilhite, Ms. Higham. 'Eqwpeki'cu'c'Whole

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5 DATE March 2, 2026 COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution supporting the bipartisan state legislation Ohio House Bill 163 and Ohio**
8 **Senate Bill 315 – together referred to as the “Enact the Enhanced Cybersecurity for SNAP**
9 **Act” – legislation to protect Ohio’s Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**
10 **recipients from the issue of electronic theft and fraud, for County Council, and declaring**
11 **an emergency.**

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13 WHEREAS, SNAP benefit theft is a significant issue negatively impacting Ohioans –
14 with more than \$17 million dollars being stolen in the past two years; and

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16 WHEREAS, there are 1.4 and 1.5 million people on SNAP in Ohio and 43 percent of
17 those include elderly persons and people with disabilities; and

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19 WHEREAS, SNAP funds are stolen in the same way that criminals target debit and credit
20 cards. These methods can include skimmers, phishing attempts while shopping online, card
21 cloning, cyberattacks and stolen card information; and

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23 WHEREAS, the theft of these crucial benefits places an undue burden on impacted
24 persons, local Job & Family Services, law enforcement, service providers, businesses and our
25 communities at large; and

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27 WHEREAS, there is currently no safeguard in place to help ease the trouble caused by
28 stolen benefits and food banks are rarely equipped to fully feed families, and the impacted
29 businesses are often victims themselves; and

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31 WHEREAS, this legislation would address the theft issue by requiring Ohio’s SNAP
32 program to transition to chip-enabled Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards, which are widely
33 used in the private sector and are effective at preventing this form of fraud; and

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35 WHEREAS, the State of California enacted similar legislation in 2024, followed by
36 Maryland and Oklahoma in 2025. Additionally, the states of Alabama, Virginia, Maine, New
37 Jersey are each proactively implementing chip technology in EBT cards; and

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39 WHEREAS, the passage of the bipartisan state legislation Ohio House Bill 163 and Ohio
40 Senate Bill 315, would implement anti-fraud measures in the SNAP program and simultaneously
41 help eliminate millions in wasteful government spending.

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

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46 SECTION 1

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48 This Council supports the bipartisan state legislation Ohio House Bill 163 and Ohio
49 Senate Bill 315 – together referred to as the “Enact the Enhanced Cybersecurity for SNAP Act”
50 – legislation to protect Ohio’s Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients
51 from the issue of electronic theft and fraud.

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4 SECTION 2

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6 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
7 welfare of the residents and employees of the County of Summit.

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9 SECTION 3

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

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15 SECTION 4

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17 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
18 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
19 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
20 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
21 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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24 INTRODUCED March 2, 2026

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26 ADOPTED March 2, 2026

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28 Signed by:
Monique Willis

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30 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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32 APPROVED March 2, 2026

33 Signed by:
Steve Shapiro

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35 EXECUTIVE

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37 ENACTED EFFECTIVE March 3, 2026

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Signed by:

Erin Dickinson

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Voice Vote – YES: 10 – 0: Darrow, Dickinson,
Donofrio, Ford, Higham, Kacyon, Licate,
McKenney, Schmidt, Wilhite
Absent: Walters