

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2026-101

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole

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5 DATE March 30, 2026 COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution declaring the month of April 2026 as Minority Health Month in Summit**  
8 **County, recognizing the health inequalities facing minority communities, and encouraging**  
9 **all health organizations to conduct appropriate programs and activities to promote**  
10 **healthfulness in minority communities, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, National Minority Health Month was first recognized nationally by Congress  
13 in 2002 with its origin dating back to 1915 with the establishment of National Negro Health Week  
14 by Booker T. Washington; and

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16 WHEREAS, it is important to raise awareness about health disparities that continue to  
17 affect racial and ethnic minority populations and encourage action through health education, early  
18 detection, and control of disease complications; and

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20 WHEREAS, Summit County Public Health's Office of Minority Health is dedicated to  
21 providing minority health data and technical assistance to local agencies working to improve the  
22 health status of minority populations; and

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24 WHEREAS, the Office of Minority Health works to eliminate differences in health status  
25 between racial and ethnic minority and non-minority populations by providing leadership and  
26 guidance on best ways to address racial and ethnic health disparity and specific health needs of  
27 racial and ethnic minority groups; and

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29 WHEREAS, health disparities exist throughout Summit County, from chronic disease to  
30 maternal and child health, residents of racial and ethnic minority populations frequently have  
31 worse health outcomes than the average resident; and

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33 WHEREAS, Summit County Public Health's most recent Community Health  
34 Improvement Plan highlights the need to address health equity, especially in the areas of adolescent  
35 health, the aging population, chronic disease, maternal and child health, and mental health and  
36 addiction, which requires a commitment to routine and thorough analysis of local health disparities  
37 and their root causes; and

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39 WHEREAS, agencies and organizations across Summit County are committed to  
40 addressing this need and improving health equity and outcomes; and

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

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45 SECTION 1

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47 The month of April 2026 is hereby declared Minority Health Month in Summit County,  
48 and the residents and employees of Summit County are encouraged to join in this  
49 acknowledgement.

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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 and for the further purpose of  
8 immediately declaring April 2026 as Minority Health Month in Summit County.

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10 SECTION 3

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

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16 SECTION 4

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

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25 INTRODUCED March 30, 2026

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31 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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