

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2026-118

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole

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5 DATE April 13, 2026 COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution declaring May 3-9, 2026, as National Small Business Week in Summit County**
8 **encouraging the residents of Summit County to support Summit County small businesses,**
9 **for the Executive and Council, and declaring an emergency.**

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11 WHEREAS, the United States Small Business Administration (“SBA”) has co-sponsored
12 National Small Business Week since 1963; and

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14 WHEREAS, National Small Business Week is observed to recognize the critical
15 contributions of America’s entrepreneurs and small business owners; and

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17 WHEREAS, the United States Small Business Administration reports that an estimated
18 990,000 small businesses operate across the State of Ohio, representing 99.6 percent of all
19 businesses within the state; and

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21 WHEREAS, according to the United States Census Bureau, Summit County is home to
22 more than 12,000 small businesses employing 100 or fewer individuals; and

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24 WHEREAS, during National Small Business Week, Summit County recognizes and
25 celebrates the innovation, resilience, and entrepreneurial spirit of small business owners who
26 create jobs, drive economic growth, and contribute to the vitality of local neighborhoods and
27 downtown districts; and

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29 WHEREAS, by celebrating our local small business success stories, local leaders can
30 encourage residents to become more intentional about seeking out local, independent retailers and
31 restaurants, growing our local economy and strengthening our community ties; and

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33 WHEREAS, the Executive and Council wish to share in the celebration and support local
34 small businesses this holiday season and beyond; and

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36 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information
37 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to declare May 3-9, 2026, National Small
38 Business Week in Summit County and to encourage the residents of Summit County to support
39 local small businesses;

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

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44 SECTION 1

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46 The week of May 3-9, 2026, is hereby declared National Small Business Week in Summit
47 County, and the residents of Summit County are encouraged to support local small businesses.

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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 of the County of Summit, and for the further purpose to immediately spread
8 awareness for National Small Business Week prior to May 3-9, 2026.

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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 April 13, 2026

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27 ADOPTED April 27, 2026

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29 Signed by:
30 Monique Willis

31 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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33 APPROVED April 27, 2026

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35 Signed by:
36 Steve Shapiro

37 EXECUTIVE

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39 ENACTED EFFECTIVE April 28, 2026

Signed by:

Erin Dickinson

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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