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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-254

SPONSOR Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole

DATE September 21, 2026 COMMITTEE Public Works

A Resolution declaring the week of October 1st – 7th, 2026 as Stormwater Awareness Week in Summit County, recognizing the effects of stormwater runoff on the infrastructure and environment, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, Stormwater Awareness Week is a regional effort to encourage communities to engage with residents regarding the effects and management of stormwater; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") defines stormwater runoff as generated when rain and snowmelt over land or impervious surfaces, such as paved streets, parking lots, and rooftops, and does not soak into the ground; and

WHEREAS, as communities grow, develop, and change, so too do their landscapes, which affects stormwater quality and composition throughout Summit County and Northeast Ohio; and

WHEREAS, these impacts cannot be avoided in their entirety, but can be properly managed; and

WHEREAS, stormwater management is most effective when residents, businesses, and organizations understand the causes and consequences of polluted stormwater runoff and flooding and how to minimize them; and

WHEREAS, the regulatory requirements of EPA General Construction and Municipal Stormwater rules further necessitate a greater effort to educate residents on stormwater runoff and management; and

WHEREAS, due to the importance of effective stormwater management to the preservation waterways and water quality, Summit County has facilitated the formation of a Surface Water Management District comprised of 11 communities and an investment of $18.8 million in American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds; and

WHEREAS, Summit County remains committed to engaging residents in the effective management of stormwater runoff to preserve the environment and ensure Summit County remains an incredible place for people to live, work, and play; and

WHEREAS, residents can get involved by educating themselves on the effects of runoff in their community, implement landscaping that prevents erosion and promotes native plants, and promote private and public development that accounts for stormwater management and minimizes negative environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information, that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit and its residents that the week of October 1st - 7th, 2026 be declared Stormwater Awareness Week in Summit County, recognizing the effects of stormwater runoff on the infrastructure and environment; and

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

SECTION 1

The week of October 1st – 7th, 2026 is hereby declared Stormwater Awareness Week in Summit County, and the residents of Summit County are encouraged to join in this acknowledgement.

SECTION 2

This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of the residents and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of declaring October 1st – 7th, 2026 to be Stormwater Awareness Week in Summit County.

SECTION 3

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

SECTION 4

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

INTRODUCED September 21, 2026

ADOPTED October 5, 2026

Signed by: Monique Willis
CLERK OF COUNCIL

Signed by: Erin Dickinson
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED October 5, 2026

for
EXECUTIVE

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

ENACTED EFFECTIVE October 6, 2026