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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-292

SPONSOR Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole

DATE October 26, 2026 COMMITTEE Planning

A Resolution declaring November 18, 2026, as GIS Day in Summit County and to encourage the residents of Summit County to engage with various opportunities to explore GIS technology in their daily lives and learn how it can help address societal challenges, drive economic growth, and inform decision-making across sectors, for the Executive and Council, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, Summit County recognizes that an understanding, use and application of geospatial technology is crucial to operating our infrastructure, sustaining our natural resources, and stimulating economic growth; and

WHEREAS, geographic information systems ("GIS") technology allows us to see and model complex relationships and patterns to make informed, evidence-based decisions; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to promote GIS awareness, education, and training to use this rapidly developing technology to its full potential; and

WHEREAS, Summit County acknowledges those that have chosen GIS as their profession or as part of their discipline to improve the lives of our residents; and

WHEREAS, GIS Day will help the residents of Summit County recognize and support the efforts of public agencies, nonprofits, and businesses who work on activities to improve conservation, human services, and various humanitarian efforts to better our communities; and

WHEREAS, having a day of GIS activities open to students, residents, government leaders, and community members will help promote STEM education and inspire others to a higher calling to use technology for good; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Planning & GIS is hosting a total of three educational, community events on October 28th, November 10th, and November 14th to demonstrate how GIS works in your daily life, helps us understand the past, and will propel us into the future, including assistance learning how to use the new GIS Parcel Viewer to find your property information, sewer laterals, and more; and

WHEREAS, Summit County is committed to utilizing GIS to inform decision making and better serve its residents and make useful geographic information open and easily accessible to the public, as a platform for innovation; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information that is necessary and in the best interest of the County to declare November 18, 2026, as GIS Day in Summit County and to encourage the residents of Summit County to engage with various opportunities to explore GIS technology in their daily lives and learn how it can help address societal challenges, drive economic growth, and inform decision-making across sectors;

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

SECTION 1

Wednesday, November 18, 2026 is hereby declared GIS Day in Summit County, and the residents of Summit County are encouraged to engage with various events and opportunities to explore GIS technology in their daily lives and learn how it can help address societal challenges, drive economic growth, and inform decision-making across sectors.

SECTION 2

This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further purpose to immediately spread awareness for GIS Day prior to November 18, 2026.

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 October 26, 2026

ADOPTED November 9, 2026

Signed by: Monique Willis
CLERK OF COUNCIL

Signed by: Erin Dickinson
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED November 9, 2026

Signed by:
EXECUTIVE

Voice Vote – YES: 9 – 0: Darrow, Dickinson, Ford, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Wilhite
Absent: Donofrio, Walters

ENACTED EFFECTIVE November 10, 2026