

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2018-159

First Reading Passage Requested

(J. Dodson)

2 SPONSOR Ms. Shapiro and Council of the Whole

3 DATE April 30, 2018

COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution declaring the month of May as Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes Awareness month**
8 **in the County of Summit, and encouraging the residents of Summit County to join us in**
9 **this acknowledgement, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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11 WHEREAS, in 1965, the Ehlers-Danlos National Foundation (“EDNF”) was founded to
12 create resources for those affected by Ehlers-Danlos syndromes; and

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14 WHEREAS, Ehlers-Danlos syndromes (“EDS”) are a collection of inheritable connective
15 tissue disorders that are varied both in how they affect the body and in their genetic causes, and
16 are some of the most under-diagnosed genetic disorders; and

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18 WHEREAS, the physical characteristics common to all types of EDS include
19 hypermobile joints (joints that move in greater amounts than expected) and skin involvement,
20 such as any of the following: soft, stretchy, saggy, too thin, easy bruising, easy wounding, poor
21 wound healing and/or atrophic scarring; and

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23 WHEREAS, on May 1, 2016, in partnership with Ehlers-Danlos syndrome experts,
24 EDNF evolved into the Ehlers-Danlos Society, an international non-profit organization dedicated
25 to saving and improving the lives of those affected by EDS and related disorders; and

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27 WHEREAS, the County of Summit recognizes the work of the Ehlers-Danlos Society
28 and encourages others to join in increasing the awareness of EDS; and

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30 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
31 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to declare the month of May
32 Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Awareness Month in the County, and to encourage the residents of the
33 County to join in this acknowledgement.

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

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38 SECTION 1

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40 The Month of May is hereby declared as Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Awareness Month in
41 Summit County, and residents are encouraged to join in this acknowledgement.

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43 SECTION 2

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45 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
46 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of immediately
47 declaring the month of May as Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes Awareness Month in Summit County
48 prior to the commencement of said month.

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4 SECTION 3

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6 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take
7 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take
8 effect and be in force at the earliest possible time provided by law.
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10 SECTION 4

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12 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
13 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
14 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
15 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
16 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.
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20 INTRODUCED April 30, 2018

21 ADOPTED April 30, 2018

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26 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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33 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED May 1, 2018

EXECUTIVE

May 1, 2018
ENACTED EFFECTIVE

Voice Vote: 11-0 YES: Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman, Hamilton, Koehler,
Prentice, Rodgers, Schmidt, Soyars, Walters, Wilhite