

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-079

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro & Ms. Sims

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5 DATE March 28, 2022

COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution declaring the month of April 2022 as Minority Health Month in Summit**
8 **County, recognizing the health inequalities facing minorities, and encouraging all health**
9 **organizations to conduct appropriate programs and activities to promote healthfulness in**
10 **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, the disproportionate effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on racial and ethnic
21 minority and indigenous communities has highlighted on a national scale the health disparities that
22 minority communities face when accessing the healthcare system; and

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24 WHEREAS, this year's theme is "Give Your Community a Boost!," aims to draw attention
25 to the importance of vaccinations, including booster shots. The COVID-19 Vaccine is one of the
26 strongest tools we have to combat the pandemic.

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

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

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37 WHEREAS, as we adapt to living with COVID-19 as an endemic disease, Summit County
38 Public Health and its partners are committed to working together to ensure equitable COVID-19
39 vaccine and test distribution to the minority residents of Summit County;

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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 month of April 2022 is hereby declared Minority Health Month in Summit County,
47 and the residents and employees of Summit County are encouraged to join in this
48 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 2022 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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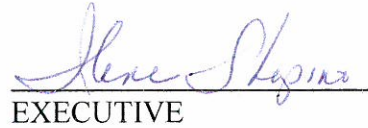
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25 INTRODUCED March 14, 2022

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27 ADOPTED March 28, 2022

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31 CLERK OF COUNCIL


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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33 APPROVED March 29, 2022

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39 ENACTED EFFECTIVE March 29, 2022

Voice Vote - YES: 9-0: Darrow, DeVitis, Donofrio, McKenney,
Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wilhite
ABSENT: Dickinson, Feeman