

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-146

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

4
5 DATE May 23, 2022

COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution declaring the month of June 2022 as Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month**
8 **in Summit County, and to raise awareness about Alzheimer’s disease and other brain**
9 **diseases and dementias, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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11 WHEREAS, according to the National Institute on Aging, dementia is the loss of cognitive
12 functions, such as, thinking, remembering and reasoning to such an extent that it interferes with a
13 person’s daily life and activities; and

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15 WHEREAS, Alzheimer’s disease is a progressive brain disorder that slowly destroys
16 memory and thinking skills and is the most common cause of dementia; and

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18 WHEREAS, an estimated 5.8 million people in the United States are living with
19 Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias according to the Alzheimer’s Association; and

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21 WHEREAS, women, Latino, and Black Americans are at a significantly higher risk for
22 Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias; and

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24 WHEREAS, symptoms of dementia include memory loss, confusion, difficulty expressing
25 or understanding thoughts through speaking, writing, and reading, repeating questions, wandering
26 or getting lost in a familiar place, experiencing delusions or paranoia, acting impulsively, taking
27 longer to complete simple tasks, having trouble handling money and bills, and losing balance; and

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29 WHEREAS, Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias are not yet curable and require
30 preventative and treatment strategies to reduce future diagnoses and improve the prognoses of
31 people living with these conditions; and

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33 WHEREAS, people living throughout all stages of Alzheimer’s disease and dementia are
34 worthy of respect and compassion and deserve the support of their families, friends, and
35 community; and

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37 WHEREAS, the Akron-Summit County Public Library has made strides in supporting
38 people experiencing cognitive decline and dementia with their Dementia Inclusive Library
39 initiative which included training from the Ohio Council for Cognitive Health for staff and
40 Memory Kits for people with dementia or similar conditions; and

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42 WHEREAS, Alzheimer’s disease and dementia are more common in older adults and
43 services related to cognitive disorders and decline are critical for older adults; and

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45 WHEREAS, Summit County is currently working toward becoming an Age-Friendly
46 Community, which includes addressing the healthcare and housing needs of older adults, including
47 those living with dementia; and

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49 WHEREAS, Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month is a time to work toward supporting
50 Summit County residents living with Alzheimer’s disease and dementia and recognizing how our
51 loved ones continue to enrich our lives with their joy, humor, and love; and

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4 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after receiving all pertinent information,
5 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit that June 2022 be declared
6 Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month in Summit County, and encouraging the residents of
7 Summit County to join in this acknowledgement;

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

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12 SECTION 1

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14 The month of June 2022 is hereby declared Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month in
15 Summit County, and the residents and employees of Summit County are encouraged to join in this
16 acknowledgement.

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18 SECTION 2

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20 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
21 welfare of the residents and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of
22 immediately declaring June 2022 as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month in Summit County.

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24 SECTION 3

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

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30 SECTION 4

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

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38 INTRODUCED May 9, 2022

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40 ADOPTED May 23, 2022

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43 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

45 APPROVED May 24, 2022

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48 EXECUTIVE

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Voice Vote - YES: 10-0:
Darrow, DeVitis,
Dickinson, Donofrio,
McKenney, Rodgers,
Schmidt, Sims, Walters,
Wilhite

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51 ENACTED EFFECTIVE May 24, 2022