

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-147

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE May 23, 2022

COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution declaring Wednesday, June 15, 2022, as Elder Abuse Awareness Day and**
8 **encouraging the residents of Summit County to participate in any events and programs**
9 **designed to raise awareness of and prevent the abuse of older adults, for the Executive, and**
10 **declaring an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was launched on June 15, 2006, by the
13 international Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization to
14 raise awareness of elder abuse and leverage resources and services to protect older adults; and

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16 WHEREAS, in February 2012, the Ohio General Assembly passed H.B. 215 naming June
17 15th as Elder Abuse Awareness Day; and

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19 WHEREAS, elder abuse includes physical abuse, emotional abuse, neglect, and financial
20 exploitation that may harm older adults or result in the death of older adults; and

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22 WHEREAS, elder abuse affects older adults of all socio-economic groups, cultures, and
23 races, and occurs across the state, country, and world in homes, healthcare facilities, and offices,
24 and is committed by friends, family, caregivers, and other people who older adults rely on for
25 support; and

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27 WHEREAS, an estimated 200,000 older Ohioans may face elder abuse annually, but the
28 Ohio Department of Job and Family Services received only 34,000 calls, suggesting a severe
29 underreporting of elder abuse across the state; and

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31 WHEREAS, the Executive and this Council are committed to protecting the rights of
32 older adults in Summit County to live safe, full lives free from abuse, and by raising awareness
33 about this issue and the resources dedicated to preventing and addressing elder abuse; and

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35 WHEREAS, the Summit County Department of Job and Family Services continues to
36 raise awareness about the dangers of elder abuse and neglect through communication campaigns
37 and collaborations with local organizations; and

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39 WHEREAS, the Adult Protective Services Program continues to protect older adults in
40 Summit County by providing or arranging remedies for the abuse, neglect, and or exploitation of
41 older adults; and

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43 WHEREAS, the Probate Court also continues to protect older adults and is hosting the
44 2022 Senior Summit in May to promote awareness, education, and support for older adults in the
45 community; and

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47 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
48 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to declare Wednesday, June 15, 2022, as
49 Elder Abuse Awareness Day and to encourage the residents of the County to participate in events
50 observing that day;

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

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7 SECTION 1

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9 This Council hereby declares Wednesday, June 15, 2022, as Elder Abuse Awareness Day
10 and encourages all the residents and employees of the County to participate in any events and
11 programs offered in observance of this day.

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13 SECTION 2

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15 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
16 welfare of the residents and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of
17 immediately declaring Wednesday, June 15, 2022, as Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Summit
18 County.

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20 SECTION 3

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

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26 SECTION 4

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

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35 INTRODUCED May 9, 2022

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37 ADOPTED May 23, 2022

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41 CLERK OF COUNCIL


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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44 APPROVED May 24, 2022

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48 EXECUTIVE

May 24, 2022
ENACTED EFFECTIVE

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