

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-269

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro & Council as a Whole

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5 DATE September 19, 2022 COMMITTEE Committee of the Whole

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7 **A Resolution declaring the month of October 2022 as National Arts and Humanities Month**
8 **in Summit County, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**
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10 WHEREAS, according to the Urban Institute, there are 31,894 registered non-profit arts
11 organizations in the United States representing \$40.2 billion in revenue and \$132.9 billion in
12 assets, providing substantial economic, cultural, and recreational benefits to their communities;
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15 WHEREAS, the creative economy employs and engages thousands of residents in Summit
16 County and beyond, generating \$1.4 billion and supporting over 17,000 jobs in the Akron
17 Metropolitan Statistical Area; and

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19 WHEREAS, these arts and humanities organizations include ArtsNow, Summit ArtSpace,
20 the Akron Art Museum, Akron Civic Theatre, Akron Glass Works, the Summit County Historical
21 Society, Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, and hundreds more; and

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23 WHEREAS, the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the
24 Humanities and these local organizations recognize the impact of arts and humanities on the
25 country and Summit County every year by designating October as National Arts and Humanities
26 Month; and

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28 WHEREAS, National Arts and Humanities Month provides an opportunity for us to honor
29 our local artists, musicians, entertainers, historians, writers, poets, and more, and thank them for
30 their contributions to our economy, culture, and community; and

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32 WHEREAS, National Arts and Humanities Month also reminds us of the hardship faced
33 by these people and organizations, as in-person performances and presentations were derailed and
34 funding sources were diminished or diverted, potentially damaging local arts and culture; and

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36 WEHREAS, Summit County acted to prevent irreparable harm to the institutions that
37 steward our culture, history, and community by delivering \$1.5 million of CARES Act funding to
38 these organizations through the Non-Profit Grant Program; and

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40 WHEREAS, as we transition to a new phase of the pandemic and economy recovery, these
41 organizations are poised to not only survive, but to thrive in the coming years as Summit County
42 returns to vibrant, communal life; and

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44 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
45 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to declare the month of October
46 2022 as National Arts and Humanities Month in Summit County;

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48 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State
49 of Ohio, that:
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4 SECTION 1

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6 The month of October 2022 is hereby declared as National Arts and Humanities Month in
7 Summit County, we call upon our residents to celebrate and promote the arts, humanities and
8 cultural organizations in our country and to specifically encourage the greater participation by
9 those said residents in taking action for the arts and humanities in their towns and cities.

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11 SECTION 2

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13 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
14 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately declare
15 October 2022 as National Arts and Humanities Month in Summit County.

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17 SECTION 3

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19 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take effect
20 immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take effect and
21 be in force at the earliest time provided by law.


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23 SECTION 4

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

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32 INTRODUCED August 29, 2022

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34 ADOPTED September 19, 2022

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38 CLERK OF COUNCIL


39 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

40 APPROVED September 19, 2022

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43 EXECUTIVE

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46 ENACTED EFFECTIVE September 21, 2022

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

ABSENT: Darrow