

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-270

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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 October 3, 2022, as North American First People’s Day in Summit**  
8 **County, honoring the history and culture of Native Americans, acknowledging the efforts to**  
9 **preserve this history in the United States, in the State of Ohio, and in Summit County, and**  
10 **encouraging residents to join in the acknowledgement, for the Executive, and declaring an**  
11 **emergency.**

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13 WHEREAS, the land on which Summit County was established was first inhabited ten  
14 thousand years ago by ancestors of the indigenous First Nations; and

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16 WHEREAS, the Mingo and Delaware peoples, displaced by colonial settlements, relocated  
17 from what is now the eastern United States to Northeast Ohio; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Mingo and Delaware peoples were further displaced with the passing of  
20 the Indian Removal Act of 1830, which uprooted indigenous people and forcibly moved them west  
21 to what is now Kansas and Oklahoma; and

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23 WHEREAS, in 2016 and 2017, in an effort to reconnect with the history of this land, The  
24 Lippman School forged a relationship with the Northern Cheyenne of Montana and, together, the  
25 tribe, the school, and the community walked the ancient trail known as the Portage Path; and

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27 WHEREAS, in 2018 and 2019, students at The Lippman School partook in a problem-  
28 based learning challenge to unite the community around this historic site and to honor the first  
29 people who walked the Portage Path, and presented their solution, North American First People’s  
30 Day; and

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32 WHEREAS, Summit County Council then passed Resolution No. 2019-161, declaring the  
33 first Monday of each October as North American First People’s Day, encouraging residents to  
34 learn about and appreciate the first stewards of this land and to recognize the atrocities enduring  
35 by the indigenous communities of the past and present, as well as how these atrocities affect their  
36 descendants; and

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38 WHEREAS, North American First People’s Day moves our community toward a future of  
39 understanding and healing, where we value the brilliance and bravery of the First Nations and  
40 build relationships with indigenous communities, such as the Northern Cheyenne of Montana; and

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42 WHEREAS, residents of Summit County are encouraged to join in celebrating North  
43 American First People’s Day and raise awareness and appreciation for indigenous people in our  
44 community and beyond; and

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

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4 SECTION 1

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6 That October 3, 2022 is hereby declared as North American First People’s Day in Summit  
7 County, and that this Council calls upon our residents to celebrate and honor the history, culture,  
8 and contributions of Native Americans to our communities.

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10 SECTION 2

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12 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
13 welfare of the residents and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of  
14 immediately declaring October 3, 2022, as North American First People’s Day in Summit County.

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16 SECTION 3

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

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22 SECTION 4

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


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31 INTRODUCED August 29, 2022

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33 ADOPTED September 19, 2022

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37 CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
38 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

39 APPROVED September 19, 2022

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43 EXECUTIVE

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45 ENACTED EFFECTIVE September 21, 2022

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

ABSENT: Darrow