

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-041

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

4
5 DATE February 13, 2023

COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution declaring the month of March 2023 as Women’s History Month in Summit**
8 **County, recognizing the women of America, the achievements they have made, and the**
9 **struggles they have faced and continue to face today, for the Executive, and declaring an**
10 **emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, President Carter initially proclaimed Women’s History Week as the first week
13 of March, and the United States Congress passed Pub. L. 97-28 in 1981, which proclaimed the
14 week of March 7th as Women’s History Week; and

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16 WHEREAS, the National Women’s History Project petitioned Congress in 1987, resulting
17 in the passage of Pub. L. 100-9, which proclaimed the month of March as Women’s History
18 Month; and

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20 WHEREAS, Presidents Reagan, H. W. Bush, Clinton, W. Bush, Obama, Trump, and Biden
21 have since recognized and proclaimed the month of March as Women’s History Month; and

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23 WHEREAS, Women’s History Month honors the achievements of all women throughout
24 the history of the United States, especially those accomplishments that advanced women’s rights,
25 such as the right to vote and the right to own property; and

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27 WHEREAS, this year marks the 103rd anniversary of the ratification of the 19th
28 Amendment, which gave women the right to vote; and

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30 WHEREAS, this year marks the 58th anniversary of the passing of the Voting Rights Act
31 of 1965, before which Black and multiracial women were largely disenfranchised; and

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33 WHEREAS, these advancements were made possible by the millions of women who
34 mobilized under the banners of women’s rights and equality to amend the U.S. Constitution, as
35 well as transform our society; and

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37 WHEREAS, it is important that our community reflect on the past and current struggle for
38 the equality of all women, especially women of color, while celebrating the progress made over
39 our history; and

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41 WHEREAS; all but one of the elected Charter Offices of Summit County and all divisions
42 of the Common Pleas Court are held by women; and

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44 WHEREAS, Executive Ilene Shapiro and Sheriff Kandy Fatheree are the first women to
45 hold their respective positions; and

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47 WHEREAS, as of June 7, 2022, this Council has consisted of a women majority for the
48 first time in its history, with seven of eleven seats held by women; and

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50 WHEREAS, the composition of this Council and other county-wide offices exemplify the
51 spirit of progress and equality that our community shares; and

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4 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
5 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit that March 2023 be declared
6 Women's History Month in Summit County, and encouraging the residents of Summit County to
7 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 March 2023 is hereby declared Women's History Month in Summit County,
15 and the residents of Summit County are encouraged to join in this acknowledgement.

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17 SECTION 2

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19 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
20 welfare of the residents and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of
21 immediately declaring March 2023 as Women's History Month in Summit County.

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23 SECTION 3

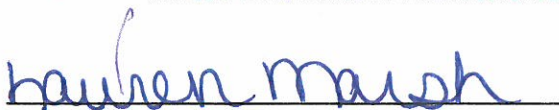
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25 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight (8) members, it shall take
26 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take effect
27 and be in force at the earliest time provided by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

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29 SECTION 4

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

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38 INTRODUCED February 13, 2023

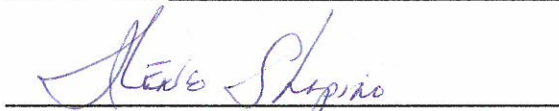
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40 ADOPTED March 6, 2023

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44 CLERK OF COUNCIL



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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46 APPROVED March 6, 2023

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50 EXECUTIVE

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52 ENACTED EFFECTIVE March 7, 2023

Voice Vote - YES: 11-0: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite