

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-243

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE August 7, 2023

COMMITTEE Public Safety

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7 **A Resolution declaring the month of September 2023 as Preparedness Month in Summit**  
8 **County, promoting family, community disaster and emergency preparation for the residents**  
9 **of Summit County, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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11 WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) has recognized  
12 September as Preparedness Month since 2004 with the aim of heightening readiness for disasters  
13 and emergencies; and

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15 WHEREAS, natural disasters and emergencies such as floods, droughts, thunderstorms,  
16 blizzards, tornadoes, earthquakes, fires, mudslides, epidemics, pandemics, industrial accidents,  
17 and mass shooting incidents require planning to ensure that a rapid response can save lives and  
18 prevent further injuries or damages; and

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20 WHEREAS, Summit County leaders recognize that no community is immune from  
21 disasters and emergencies; and

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23 WHEREAS, the Summit County Executive’s Department of Public Safety and the  
24 Emergency Management Agency (“EMA”) are dedicated to ensuring local public safety forces  
25 and residents are well equipped to protect themselves and their families from potential disasters  
26 and emergencies; and

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28 WHEREAS, EMA offers innovative means of communication to keep residents informed,  
29 including the Reverse Alert program and the EMA mobile app; and

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31 WEHREAS, residents can sign up with Reverse Alert to receive emergency warnings and  
32 alerts by phone, email, and devices for the hard of hearing to stay informed of imminent threats to  
33 health and safety; and

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35 WHEREAS, residents can also download the EMA app which provides push notifications  
36 similar to Reverse Alert alongside features such as free access to the National Oceanic and  
37 Atmospheric Administration (“NOAA”) weather radio system, traffic and road closure  
38 information from the Ohio Department of Transportation, and the ability to create and share  
39 personal emergency plans with family and friends; and

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41 WHEREAS, through these programs, Summit County residents are better prepared to  
42 protect themselves and their loved ones in the event of an emergency; and

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44 WHEREAS, Summit County EMA works closely with every community in the County to  
45 plan for and respond to disasters and emergencies, and coordinates resources throughout the  
46 County; and

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48 WHEREAS, residents can continue to engage with these efforts by visiting Ready.gov to  
49 better understand potential threats and the steps they can take to prepare for disasters and  
50 emergencies; 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 and its residents that September  
6 2023 be declared Preparedness Month in Summit County, promoting family and community  
7 disaster and emergency planning for residents of Summit County; and

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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 September 2023 is hereby declared Preparedness 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 declaring September 2023 to be Preparedness 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 August 7, 2023

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40 ADOPTED August 21, 2023

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46 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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46 APPROVED August 21, 2023

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50 EXECUTIVE

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

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52 ENACTED EFFECTIVE August 22, 2023