

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-244

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE August 7, 2023

COMMITTEE Health & Human Services

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7 **A Resolution declaring the month of September 2023 as Recovery Month in Summit County**
8 **and encouraging the residents of Summit County to join in this acknowledgment, for the**
9 **Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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11 WHEREAS, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
12 (“SAMHSA”) under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services sponsors Recovery
13 Month each September to increase awareness and understanding of mental health disorders and
14 substance use disorders (SUD), as well as celebrate those who are recovering; and

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16 WHEREAS, Recovery Month promotes the community benefits of prevention, treatment,
17 and recovery from mental health disorders such as depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, body
18 dysmorphic disorder, dissociative disorders, and substance use disorders such as opioid use
19 disorder, cannabis use disorder, nicotine use disorder, and alcohol use disorder, etc.; and

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21 WHEREAS, in Summit County we embrace the message that prevention, treatment, and
22 recovery are effective, achievable, and worthwhile, as well as the idea that behavioral health is
23 integral to the holistic health of individuals and communities; and

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25 WHEREAS, we encourage loved ones of people struggling or recovering from mental
26 health conditions and substance use disorders to learn about potential disorders and their signs, to
27 intervene and guide loved ones when possible, and to continue to champion recovery as a lifelong
28 mission that our community believes in; and

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30 WHEREAS, substance use remains a serious problem in our community and the opioid
31 epidemic continues to cause unprecedented hardship and loss for so many residents; and

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33 WHEREAS, the Opiate Abatement Advisory Council has invested \$5 million to date in
34 organizations, programs, and services that stem the epidemic and support residents, including on
35 a new data platform “UniteUs” and

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37 WHEREAS, the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Services (“ADM”) Board
38 continues to invest in the community to advance prevention, treatment, recovery, and serves as a
39 hub for essential information and resources to organizations and residents; and

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41 WHEREAS, these entities are among multiple critical partners building a County that
42 accepts and supports people at every point on the path of recovery; 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
46 September 2023 as Recovery Month in Summit County and to encourage the residents of Summit
47 County to join in this acknowledgement;

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

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7 SECTION 1

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9 The month of September 2023 is hereby declared Recovery Month in Summit County and
10 the residents of Summit County are hereby encouraged to join in this acknowledgement.

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12 SECTION 2

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14 The resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and
15 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason of immediately
16 declaring September 2023 as Recovery Month in Summit County prior to the commencement of
17 the month.

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19 SECTION 3

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

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25 SECTION 4

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

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34 INTRODUCED August 7, 2023

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36 ADOPTED August 21, 2023

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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42 APPROVED August 21, 2023

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EXECUTIVE

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48 ENACTED EFFECTIVE August 22, 2023

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