

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-268

First Reading Passage Requested

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(D. Matz)

3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE September 11, 2023

COMMITTEE Committee of the Whole

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7 **A Resolution supporting County Issue 17, which will approve a 4.5 mill replacement levy**
8 **for Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board (“SCDDB”) for a six-year period**
9 **from 2025 to 2030, inclusive, and respectfully urging all Summit County voters to vote in**
10 **favor of County Issue 17 at the November 7, 2023 General Election, for the Executive, and**
11 **declaring an emergency.**

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13 WHEREAS, in 2017, Summit County voters approved a 4.5 mill levy request to generate
14 funds for SCDDB which supports services for eligible individuals with developmental
15 disabilities throughout their entire lifetime; and

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17 WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 2023-135, this Council declared it necessary to
18 submit to the voters of the County the question of whether to replace the current tax levy with a
19 4.50 mill levy for a six-year period of time, beginning on the tax list and duplicate for the year
20 2024, with the proceeds of the tax levy to be distributed from 2025 to 2030, inclusive, for
21 SCDDB operations; and

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23 WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 2023-181, this Council voted to proceed with the
24 submission to the voters of the County the question of the replacement of an existing tax levy for
25 Summit DD before the voters of Summit County at the November 7, 2023 election; and

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27 WHEREAS, the proposed 4.5 mill tax levy for SCDDB is a replacement of an existing
28 tax levy; and

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30 WHEREAS, developmental disabilities affect individuals of all economic, social and
31 ethnic groups in our community; and

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33 WHEREAS, per their 2022 Annual Report, SCDDB has operated under the same funding
34 for 18 years and at the same time experienced a 30% increase in the number of people it serves,
35 which is more than 5,000 individuals; these services include early intervention, school age
36 support, services for people with complex needs and providing adults with facility and
37 community-based day programs so they can live as independently as possible; and

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39 WHEREAS, the 4.5 mill replacement levy for Summit DD has been placed on the ballot
40 as County Issue 17; and

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42 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines that it is necessary and in the best interest
43 of the County to support County Issue 17 at the November 7 General Election, 2023 ballot,
44 which will approve a 4.5 mill replacement levy for Summit DD, and urging the voters of Summit
45 County to approve County Issue 17;

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

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4 SECTION 1

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6 This Council hereby expresses its support of County Issue 17, which will approve a 4.5
7 mill replacement levy for the Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board for a six-year
8 period from 2025 to 2030, inclusive. Furthermore, this Council respectfully urges all Summit
9 County voters to vote in favor of County Issue 17 at the November 7, 2023 General Election.

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11 SECTION 2

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13 This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency in the interest of the health, safety
14 and welfare of the residents of the County of Summit and for the further reason that it is
15 necessary to immediately announce the support of this Council prior to the election on November
16 7, 2023.

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18 SECTION 3

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

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24 SECTION 4

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

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33 INTRODUCED September 11, 2023

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35 ADOPTED September 11, 2023

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37 DocuSigned by:
38 hauwen marsh
39 CLERK OF COUNCIL

DocuSigned by:
Veronica R Sim
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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41 APPROVED September 11, 2023

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43 DocuSigned by:
44 Sean Lepore
45 EXECUTIVE

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47 ENACTED EFFECTIVE September 12, 2023

Voice Vote – YES: 9– 0: Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers,
Schmidt, Sims, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite
ABSENT: DeVitis, Walters