

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-037

**First Reading Passage Requested**  
**(G. Johnson)**

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole

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5 DATE February 12, 2024 COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution declaring the month of March 2024 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 later designated the week of March 7<sup>th</sup> as Women’s  
14 History Week before the National Women’s History Project petitioned Congress in 1987, which  
15 led to the now recognized Women’s History Month; and

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

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

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24 WHEREAS, this year marks the 104<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup>  
25 Amendment, which gave women the right to vote; and

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27 WHEREAS, this year marks the 59<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the Voting Rights Act  
28 of 1965, before which black and multiracial women were largely disenfranchised; and

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30 WHEREAS, these advancements were made possible by the millions of women who  
31 mobilized under the banner of women’s suffrage and equality to amend the U.S. Constitution, to  
32 pass laws extending citizenship to Native American, Asian, Latino, Black, and multiracial women,  
33 to advance the equality of women in government, in employment, in culture, and in media, and to  
34 transform society into a place where women of all backgrounds are accepted and valued; and

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36 WHEREAS, Sojourner Truth, an influential leader in this movement in the United States,  
37 gave her speech on the rights of Black women in Akron, Ohio in 1851 and will soon be honored  
38 by the unveiling of the Sojourner Truth Memorial Plaza; and

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40 WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon our community to reflect on the past and current struggle  
41 for the equality of all women, especially women of color, while also celebrating the joy and  
42 progress made throughout history; and

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44 WHEREAS, the majority of the elected Charter Offices of Summit County and all divisions  
45 of the Summit County Court of Common Pleas are held by women; and

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47 WHEREAS, County Executive Ilene Shapiro and Sheriff Kandy Fatheree are the first  
48 women to hold their respective positions, and Clerk of Courts Tavia Galonski is the first Black  
49 woman to hold a Charter Office position; and

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51 WHEREAS; on June 7, 2022, this Council seated a women majority for the first time in its  
52 history; and

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4 WHEREAS, the local achievements of women in government and beyond exemplify the  
5 spirit, determination, and commitment of progress that our community shares; and

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7 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,  
8 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit that March 2024 be declared  
9 Women’s History Month in Summit County, and encouraging the residents of Summit County to  
10 join in this acknowledgement;

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

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15 SECTION 1

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17 The month of March 2024 is hereby declared Women’s History Month in Summit County,  
18 and the residents of Summit County are encouraged to join in this acknowledgement.

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20 SECTION 2

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22 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
23 welfare of the residents and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of  
24 immediately declaring March 2024 as Women’s History Month in Summit County.

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26 SECTION 3

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

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32 SECTION 4

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

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40 INTRODUCED February 12, 2024

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42 ADOPTED February 12, 2024

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45 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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47 APPROVED February 12, 2024

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52 ENACTED EFFECTIVE February 13, 2024

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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