

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-081

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro, Mr. Ford, Council as a Whole

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5 DATE March 18, 2024 COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution declaring the month of April 2024 as Minority Health Month in Summit**
8 **County, recognizing the health inequalities facing minority communities, and encouraging**
9 **all health organizations to conduct appropriate programs and activities to promote**
10 **healthfulness in minority communities, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, National Minority Health Month was first recognized nationally by Congress
13 in 2002 with its origin dating back to 1915 with the establishment of National Negro Health Week
14 by Booker T. Washington; and

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16 WHEREAS, it is important to raise awareness about health disparities that continue to
17 affect racial and ethnic minority populations and encourage action through health education, early
18 detection, and control of disease complications; and

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20 WHEREAS, Summit County Public Health’s Office of Minority Health is dedicated to
21 providing minority health data and technical assistance to local agencies working to improve the
22 health status of minority populations; and

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24 WHEREAS, the Office of Minority Health works to eliminate differences in health status
25 between racial and ethnic minority and non-minority populations by providing leadership and
26 guidance on best ways to address racial and ethnic health disparity and specific health needs of
27 racial and ethnic minority groups; and

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29 WHEREAS, health disparities exist throughout Summit County, from chronic disease to
30 maternal and child health, residents of racial and ethnic minority populations frequently have
31 worse health outcomes than the average resident; and

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33 WHEREAS, Summit County Public Health’s most recent Community Health
34 Improvement Plan highlights the need to address health equity, especially in the areas of adolescent
35 health, the aging population, chronic disease, maternal and child health, and mental health and
36 addiction, which requires a commitment to routine and thorough analysis of local health disparities
37 and their root causes; and

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39 WHEREAS, agencies and organizations across Summit County are committed to
40 addressing this need and improving health equity and outcomes; and

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

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45 SECTION 1

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47 The month of April 2024 is hereby declared Minority Health Month in Summit County,
48 and the residents and employees of Summit County are encouraged to join in this
49 acknowledgement.

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4 SECTION 2

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6 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
7 welfare of the residents and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of
8 immediately declaring April 2024 as Minority Health Month in Summit County.

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10 SECTION 3

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

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16 SECTION 4

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

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25 INTRODUCED March 18, 2024

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27 ADOPTED April 1, 2024

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Margie Willis
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31 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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33 APPROVED April 1, 2024

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Executive Ilene Shapiro
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37 EXECUTIVE

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39 ENACTED EFFECTIVE April 2, 2024

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Rita S. Darrow
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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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