

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-122  
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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro  
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5 DATE April 15, 2024 COMMITTEE Human Services  
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7 **A Resolution supporting the Ohio Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial**  
8 **(AMERICA 250-OH), establishing the Summit County AMERICA 250 Committee, and**  
9 **designating the Summit County liaison, for the Council and Executive, and declaring an**  
10 **emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, On July 4, 2026, the United States will commemorate and celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup>  
13 anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, and it is necessary  
14 to begin preparations for such a momentous celebration; and  
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16 WHEREAS, this historic milestone is an opportunity to reflect on our nation’s past, honor  
17 the contributions of all Americans, and look ahead toward the future we want to create for the next  
18 generation and beyond; and  
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20 WHEREAS, the United States Congress established the U.S. Semiquincentennial  
21 commission in 2016 to plan and orchestrate the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations throughout the  
22 United States of America; and  
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24 WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly and Governor created AMERICA 250-OH in  
25 Ohio Revised Code Section 149.309 to plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the  
26 commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the United States and Ohio’s integral role in that event  
27 and the role of its people on the nation’s past, present and future; and  
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29 WHEREAS, AMERICA 250-OH strives to engage ALL Ohioans and ALL 88 counties  
30 through a variety of programs, projects and events through 2026 by inspiring future leaders and  
31 celebrating Ohio’s contributions to the nation over the past 250+ years; and  
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33 WHEREAS, Summit County has much to contribute to the nation’s 250th anniversary, our  
34 rich history includes significant moments in the nation’s evolution like Sojourner Truth’s famous  
35 plea for equality, abolitionist John Brown’s home for many years, and the manufacturing location  
36 for the four major tire manufacturers; and  
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38 WHEREAS, today, Summit County is home to the National Inventors Hall of Fame  
39 Museum, Goodyear Tire and Rubber and the All-American Soapbox Derby. Summit County has  
40 also produced many notable Americans, including NBA legend LeBron James, poet Rita Dove,  
41 and astronaut Judith Resnik; and  
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43 WHEREAS, residents, nonprofits, businesses, and other organizations are encouraged to  
44 participate in this momentous celebration; and  
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46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State  
47 of Ohio, that:  
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4 SECTION 1

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6 Summit County hereby establishes a local AMERICA 250-Summit County Committee  
7 made up of a diverse group of residents to work with AMERICA 250-OH on any and all activities  
8 within Summit County. The participants of the Summit County Committee will be strictly  
9 voluntary roles and there will be no compensation for participation.

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11 SECTION 2

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13 Summit County hereby designates the President of the Summit County Historical Society  
14 as the Summit County liaison, who will serve as the point of contact for all local organizations,  
15 stakeholders, and communities within Summit County, and the Executive and this Council may  
16 designate additional liaisons through subsequent legislation.

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18 SECTION 3

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20 The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Summit  
21 County Statehouse and Congressional delegations and the AMERICA 250-OH Commission  
22 headquarters, located at 41 S. High St., Suite 250, Columbus, OH 43215.

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24 SECTION 4

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26 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
27 welfare of the residents and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of  
28 immediately encouraging preparations for the United States Semiquincentennial celebrations.

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30 SECTION 5

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

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36 SECTION 6

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

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5 INTRODUCED April 15, 2024

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8 ADOPTED April 29, 2024

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DocuSigned by:  
*Monique Willis*  
CLERK OF COUNCIL  
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15 APPROVED April 29, 2024

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*Gene Shapiro*  
EXECUTIVE  
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22 ENACTED EFFECTIVE April 30, 2024

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*Rita J. Darrow*  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL  
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Voice Vote – YES: 11 – 0: Darrow, DeVitis,  
Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, McKenney, Rodgers,  
Schmidt, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite