

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-158

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro, Ms. Walters, Council as a Whole

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5 DATE May 13, 2024 COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution declaring Saturday, June 15, 2024 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Summit**  
8 **County and encouraging residents to participate in any events and programs designed to**  
9 **raise awareness of and prevent the abuse of older adults, for the Executive, and declaring**  
10 **an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was launched on June 15, 2006 by the  
13 International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization to  
14 raise awareness of elder abuse and leverage resources to protect older adults; and

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16 WHEREAS, in February 2012, the Ohio General Assembly passed H.B. 215 naming June  
17 15<sup>th</sup> as Elder Abuse Awareness Day; and

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19 WHEREAS, elder abuse includes physical and emotional abuse, neglect, and financial  
20 exploitation that may harm seniors or result in the death of seniors; and

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22 WHEREAS, elder abuse affects seniors of all socio-economic, racial, and cultural  
23 backgrounds, and occurs across the country and the world in homes, healthcare facilities, offices,  
24 and increasingly online; and

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26 WHEREAS, an estimated 200,000 older Ohioans face elder abuse annually, but the Ohio  
27 Department of Job and Family Services receives only about 34,000 calls annually, suggesting a  
28 severe underreporting of elder abuse across the state; and

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30 WHEREAS, the perpetrators of elder abuse are not only strangers, but often friends,  
31 family, caregivers, and other people whom seniors rely on for support; and

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33 WHEREAS, the Executive and this Council are committed to protecting the rights of  
34 seniors in Summit County to live safe, full lives free from abuse, and by raising awareness about  
35 this issue and the resources dedicated to preventing and addressing elder abuse; and

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37 WHEREAS, the Executive's Department of Job and Family Services continues to raise  
38 awareness about the dangers of elder abuse and neglect through communication campaigns and  
39 collaborations with local organizations; and

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41 WHEREAS, the Adult Protective Services Program continues to protect older adults in  
42 Summit County by providing or arranging remedies for the abuse, neglect, and or exploitation of  
43 older adults; and

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45 WHEREAS, the Summit County Probate Court and Executive's Office continue to  
46 protect older adults by informing professionals about elder abuse through the annual Senior  
47 Summit; and

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49 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,  
50 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to declare Saturday, June 15, 2024 as  
51 Elder Abuse Awareness Day and to encourage the residents of the County to participate in events  
52 observing that day;

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

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7 SECTION 1

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9 This Council hereby declares Saturday, June 15, 2024 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day  
10 and encourages all the residents and employees of the County to participate in any events and  
11 programs offered in observance of this day.

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13 SECTION 2

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15 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
16 welfare of the residents and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of  
17 immediately declaring Saturday, June 15, 2024 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Summit  
18 County.

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20 SECTION 3

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

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26 SECTION 4

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28 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating  
29 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all  
30 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,  
31 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section  
32 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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35 INTRODUCED May 13, 2024

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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