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Summit County Honors Women’s History Month

SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO—Last month, Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro and County Council passed legislation declaring March Women’s History Month in the county. Celebrated nationally, Women’s History Month honors the achievements of all women throughout the history of the United States and the contributions they have made, while enduring discrimination, and fighting for the right to own property, the right to vote, and gender equality.

“During Women’s History Month we honor the women of the past who broke barriers and paved the way for the women of the present and future,” said Executive Shapiro. “I am forever grateful for the women of Summit County and their many contributions to our community. We should always be conscious of how much women have accomplished, how hard they have had to fight for these achievements, and how they are still fighting for equality today.”

This year Women’s History Month coincides with the 100th anniversary of the passing of the 19th Amendment which gave women the right to vote. In recognition of the centennial, Executive Shapiro and community partners formed the Summit Suffrage Centennial Committee. This committee of women is working to educate the public on the progress made over the last 100 years and honor the fight for voting rights for all women — especially many women of color who were excluded from voting until the 1960s. Last year, the group launched www.SummitSuffrageCentennial.com to honor this milestone.

“Each March we celebrate the achievements made by women of the past and present in Summit County and around the nation,” said District 8 Council Member Paula Prentice. “This year’s celebration is made more meaningful by the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment. I hope all Summit County residents take time this month to reflect on the contributions of women and the legacy of the fight to pass this amendment.”

The Summit Suffrage Centennial website also serves as the location for events that will be held throughout the year. During Women’s History Month the following events are open to the public: Women of Summit Metro Parks hosted by Summit Metro Parks and Appalachian Spring, part of

the Stand Beside Her project presented by the Akron Symphony Orchestra. Event details can be found at <https://www.summitsuffragecentennial.com/events-calendar>.

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