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County Executive and Council Recognize Black History Month

SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO—On Monday, February 10, 2020, Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro and County Council approved a resolution recognizing February as Black History Month in Summit County. The resolution, unanimously approved, recognizes African Americans and the achievements they have made throughout the nation’s history, as well as the struggles and roadblocks they have faced and continue to face.

“From the groundbreaking work of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity building affordable housing to the beautiful poems and essays of Poet Laureate Rita Dove, countless African Americans who called Summit County home have made contributions felt here and around the world,” said Executive Shapiro. “I am proud to honor these achievements and encourage all Summit County residents to join in this acknowledgement.”

In conjunction with the county’s recognition of Black History Month, The Summit County Historical Society produced a special exhibit in the Ohio Building fourth floor atrium. Members of the public are encouraged to visit the exhibit to learn about the achievements of Woodrow Nash, Dolores Parker Morgan, Fritz Pollard and Haynes B. Robinson, Jr.

“The contributions and achievements of the African American community are well-documented in Summit County’s proud history,” said District 5 Council Member Veronica Sims. “We must embracing racial diversity as a strength and an asset.”



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