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**Statement by Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro  
on the Appointment of Interim President and CEO Dr. Cliff Deveny:**

*The appointment of Dr. Cliff Deveny as the interim President and CEO of Summa Health System is exciting and positive news for our County's largest employer. I have had the opportunity work with Dr. Deveny in the past, and I am optimistic that he brings with him an energy, intelligence and sense of community needed to keep Summa a strong and stable anchor and influence in our County.*

*In large part, our local economy and identity is based on our vibrant health care industry. For years, Summa Health System has been at the forefront of that industry, and has grown to become Summit County's largest employer. For the success of our County, and our region, it is critical that Summa continue to grow and prosper. I have full confidence that under Dr. Deveny's leadership, Summa will get back on track, and will continue to be a leader in providing quality health care to Summit County's residents.*

*I look forward to working with Dr. Deveny as he oversees Summa's path forward. Together with Mayor Horrigan, and other community and business leaders, I will dedicate my efforts to ensuring that Summa continues to be the cornerstone institution that it has become and that our community needs.*

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