## News Release Ilene Shapiro - Summit County Executive



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## Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro Announces Hiring of State Representative Greta Johnson

On March 2, 2017, Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro announced that she has hired State Representative Greta Johnson to work in her Department of Law, Insurance and Risk Management. Johnson, who has served in the Ohio House of Representatives since January 2015, intends to start her new position as a Deputy Director on March 27, 2017, and will resign her position as State Representative prior to beginning her employment with the Summit County Executive's Office.

"During her time as a State Representative, Greta has demonstrated the tenacity, intelligence and courage that make her an ideal fit for the County," said County Executive Ilene Shapiro. "I am confident that she will serve the residents of Summit County well in her new position, as she has done for the past two years in the Ohio legislature."

Prior to being elected as State Representative for the 35<sup>th</sup> House District, which covers all of the City of Barberton and Wards 6, 7, 9 and 10 of the City of Akron, Ms. Johnson served as a prosecutor in the Prosecutor's Offices for Mahoning County, Summit County and the City of Akron. She graduated the University of Akron School of Law in 2004, after earning her BA in Secondary Education in 1999 and Masters in Higher Education Administration in 2001.

During her time at the Statehouse, she has been a vocal proponent of women's health and equality issues, and, as a former prosecutor, has been active in protecting the rights of victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. She has also been a staunch advocate for the children of Ohio, arguing for an improved education system.

Ms. Johnson's starting salary will be \$78,208.00.

