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## County Executive and Council Recognize the Akron Pride Festival and Equity March

**SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO**—Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro and County Council recently passed legislation to recognize the 2022 Akron Pride Festival and Equity March. As the nation celebrates landmark advancements in LGBTQ+ rights across the last decade, from marriage equality to federal employment protections, County Executive Shapiro and Council reaffirm their commitment to equality and equity in the community.

“We have made incredible strides toward equality and inclusion in our community,” said County Executive Shapiro, “Through joy, pride, and demonstration we will continue to support and cherish our LGBTQ+ family, friends, and neighbors! I look forward to seeing our residents celebrate these achievements and more at the Akron Pride Festival!”

“I am thrilled to celebrate the tremendous progress we’ve made toward LGBTQ+ rights in our community,” said Councilmember At-Large Erin Dickinson, “I encourage residents from across Summit County to join organizers on Saturday and enjoy Akron Pride!”

All residents are encouraged to attend this year’s Akron Pride Festival on August 27. For more information on attending or volunteering at Akron Pride, visit <https://www.akronpridefestival.org/>.



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