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4 CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO

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6 RESOLUTION NO. 2 - 2022

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8 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS
9 AS A GATEWAY COMMUNITY TO THE CUYAHOGA VALLEY
10 NATIONAL PARK AND THE SUMMIT METRO PARKS SYSTEMS,
11 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
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13 WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga Valley National Park and Summit Metro Parks systems are a
14 national destination that welcomed an estimated combined total of 8,755,628 visits in 2020; and
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16 WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga Valley National Park and Summit Metro Parks systems provide
17 habitats for many wildlife species that millions of visitors come to see annually; and
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19 WHEREAS, in 2019, the Cuyahoga River, which flows through the Cuyahoga Valley National
20 Park and the Summit Metro Parks systems, was designated as Ohio's 13th Scenic Water Trail;
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23 WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga Valley National Park and Summit Metro Parks systems provide
24 residents and visitors access to nature and outdoor recreational activities, such as hiking, biking,
25 bird watching, tubing, and kayaking. These activities are fundamental to the Cuyahoga Falls
26 community as they help strengthen familial and social bonds; and
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28 WHEREAS, 3,000 acres of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park system are located within the
29 City of Cuyahoga Falls; and
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31 WHEREAS, Blossom Music Center, summer home to the world-renowned Cleveland
32 Orchestra, is located in both the Cuyahoga Valley National Park and the City of Cuyahoga Falls;
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35 WHEREAS, the Summit Metro Parks system has 291 acres within the City of Cuyahoga Falls;
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38 WHEREAS, the City of Cuyahoga Falls receives tangible economic benefits from visits to both
39 park systems and tangible educational benefits to its youth and emerging leaders of the parks;
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42 WHEREAS, the City of Cuyahoga Falls offers the ideal location for overnight guests to lodge,
43 dine, shop, gather information, and purchase supplies when visiting the parks and offers
44 limitless nature-based activities and experiences to enjoy; and
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46 WHEREAS, the City of Cuyahoga Falls is experiencing a resurgence of interest in
47 reestablishing rural campgrounds for visitors to enjoy the Cuyahoga Valley National Park and
48 Summit Metro Parks systems; and
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50 WHEREAS, the quality of life and future economic benefits received by the City of Cuyahoga
51 Falls will be enhanced with the additional recognition gained, and partnerships forged, when the
52 City is formally acknowledged as an official Gateway Community to the Cuyahoga Valley National
53 Park and Summit Metro Parks systems; and

54 WHEREAS, the City of Cuyahoga Falls, in partnership with the City of Akron, is in the process
55 of adopting a Master Plan for the Merriman Valley-Schumacher Area that encompasses a large
56 area of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park and Summit Metro Park Systems that will provide
57 appropriate guidelines to ensure that the Merriman Valley-Schumacher Area becomes a global
58 model of land conservation with sustainable innovations in planning and regulation guidelines.
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60 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, County
61 of Summit, and State of Ohio, that:
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63 Section 1. This Council hereby declares the City of Cuyahoga Falls as an official Gateway to
64 the Cuyahoga Valley National Park and Summit Metro Parks systems, and all other natural,
65 recreational, heritage and cultural assets of the Cuyahoga Valley.
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67 Section 2. Any other ordinances or resolutions or portions of ordinances and resolutions
68 inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, but any ordinances and resolutions not inconsistent
69 herewith and which have not previously been repealed are hereby ratified and confirmed.
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71 Section 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and
72 relating to the acceptance of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council,
73 and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal
74 action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, to the
75 extent applicable, including Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances.
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77 Section 4. This resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the
78 preservation of the public peace, health, safety, convenience and welfare of the City of Cuyahoga
79 Falls and the inhabitants thereof, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of
80 the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately
81 upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force at the
82 earliest period allowed by law.
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84 Passed: 1-24-2022
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86 President of Council



87 Clerk of Council

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95 Mayor

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