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**Joint Statement of Mayor Dan Horrigan and Council President Marilyn Keith**  
**on the selection of New Summa CEO**

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“Summa Health is a trusted community anchor in the midst of a challenging transition. Not only is Summa the largest employer in Summit County, with more than 11,000 employees, it is a key partner in the economic and physical health of our community. It is essential that Summa remain independent and financially strong. As an institution, Summa has been on a promising upward trajectory in recent years, and has committed to making significant investments in Akron—including a new six-floor, 300,000-square-foot facility expansion downtown. In short, the ongoing success of Summa is vital to the wellbeing of Akron and our region.

History has shown that no organization is immune to the growing pains that arise when longstanding patterns and practices are replaced with new ways of thinking. The only way to weather these storms is through transparent, honest governance focused on making the best decisions—even when those decisions prove difficult. As we move forward, we must foster an open community dialogue to ensure that all of Summa’s many stakeholders feel invested in the future success of this important civic asset.

As Mayor and Council President, we know that transformational leadership requires vision, compassion, wisdom, and courage. An Akron native, Dr. Cliff Deveny brings a wealth of experience and goodwill to the position as Summa’s new CEO. He has invested two decades of his career at Summa and will be a strong and focused voice for the hospital. Dr. Deveny knows this institution, and he knows Akron.

As community partners, we must commit to offering Dr. Deveny the support, confidence, and assistance he will need to lead this great institution through this transition and into its next chapter. It is our responsibility to be part of the solution. We have full confidence that if we roll up our sleeves and get to work, we can heal relationships, both internal to Summa and within the larger community. We look forward to working with Dr. Deveny to create new jobs, invest in our City, and improve the overall health and wellbeing of our residents.”

— Mayor Dan Horrigan and Council President Marilyn Keith

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