



## *Proclamation*

### ***NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH***

***MAY 2023***

**WHEREAS:** Congress designated May as National Military Appreciation Month in 1999 to encourage citizens to publicly honor and recognize all U.S. Service Members, past and present, as well as those who support them, in a symbol of unity; and

**WHEREAS:** May was chosen because of military-related observances in the month that highlight the contributions of those who have served, including Loyalty Day, Victory in Europe Day (VE Day), Military Spouse Appreciation Day, Armed Forces Day, and Memorial Day; and

**WHEREAS:** During Military Appreciation Month, we are reminded of the important role the U.S. Armed Forces have played in the history and development of our country, and of our responsibility as Americans to support and honor the selfless service of our military families; and

**WHEREAS:** Members of the U.S. military are on call around the world, defending the interests and security of our nation 365 days a year; and

**WHEREAS:** This observance is the perfect opportunity to express gratitude to them and their families for all that they do every day; and

**WHEREAS:** The Gahanna, Ohio American Legion Post #797 is one of the fastest growing legion posts in Ohio, and works in partnership with the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #4719 to support our residents who have nobly served our Nation by enabling them to continue to serve God, Country and Community; and

**WHEREAS:** Legion Post #797 has over 500 members who represent veterans of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard, with 11 members having served in WWII, 66 in the Korean War, 431 in the Vietnam War, 75 in Lebanon/Panama/Grenada conflicts, and 143 in various Middle East conflicts; and

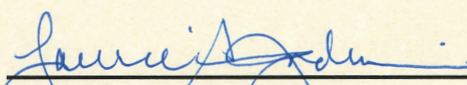
**WHEREAS:** The City of Gahanna is proud to honor, recognize and thank our military residents and their families, and we remember with deep gratitude the men and women who have given their lives in defense of our freedom.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, encourage all Gahanna citizens to recognize and honor the services of all current and former military personnel and their families, and do hereby proclaim the month of May 2023 as



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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, to be affixed on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three.

  
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Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor