



Proclamation
AIR QUALITY AWARENESS WEEK
May 1-5, 2023

WHEREAS: Every May, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hosts Air Quality Awareness Week with the goal of sharing information on air quality and how it affects health, as well as encouraging people to incorporate knowledge of the Air Quality Index (AQI) into their daily lives; and

WHEREAS: Poor outdoor air quality can threaten our environment, economy and the health of our citizens; and

WHEREAS: Ozone, a contributor to poor air quality, affects sensitive vegetation and ecosystems, including forests, parks, wildlife refuges and wilderness areas, and, in particular, sensitive vegetation during the growing season; and

WHEREAS: It is estimated that one out of every three people in the United States is at a higher risk of experiencing problems from ground-level ozone; and

WHEREAS: Children, individuals with lung and/or heart disease, and older adults tend to be more vulnerable to the effects of outdoor pollution. It is beneficial for residents to learn more about the impact that air quality may have on their health if they are in one of these sensitive groups; and

WHEREAS: Utilizing the AQI is simple and free of cost, and knowledge of the Index can help protect our citizen's health; and

WHEREAS: Simple habits to save energy, reduce waste, and save money are to combine trips, ride your bike, reduce power by using LED bulbs, reduce-reuse-recycle, and refill your water bottle instead of buying bottled water; and

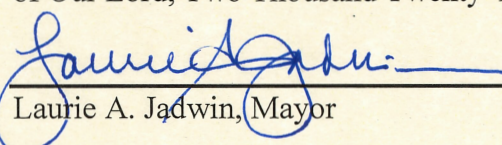
WHEREAS: Overall, air quality in Central Ohio is improving, thanks to local and national initiatives to reduce emissions; and

WHEREAS: The City of Gahanna, together with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, support efforts to encourage all Americans to utilize the Air Quality Index, understand what causes poor air quality, and pursue methods to improve the overall outdoor air quality.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, encourage Gahanna citizens to recognize and learn more about the importance of air quality, and do hereby proclaim May 1-5, 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 1st day of May in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three.


Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor

