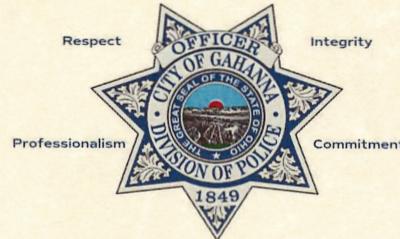




# Gahanna

## *Proclamation*

### **NATIONAL POLICE WEEK**



**May 14-20, 2023**

**WHEREAS:** National Police Week was established in 1962 by President John F. Kennedy to recognize and pay special tribute to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others; and

**WHEREAS:** Law enforcement is an inherently dangerous and demanding profession in which dedicated professionals knowingly place their lives at risk in order to protect others who are unable to protect themselves; and

**WHEREAS:** There are over 800,000 sworn law enforcement officers presently serving in communities across the United States; and

**WHEREAS:** The Gahanna Division of Police currently is staffed by 68 sworn officers, each of whom plays an essential role in safeguarding the physical and mental well-being, rights, and freedoms of the citizens of Gahanna; and

**WHEREAS:** Since the first recorded death of a law enforcement officer in 1786, more than 26,000 officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and have been killed in the line of duty, including 246 officers killed in 2022; and

**WHEREAS:** May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of all fallen officers and their families, and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff; and

**WHEREAS:** The City of Gahanna honors and remembers Officer Charles C. "Chuck" DuVernay, who was struck and killed on August 4, 1982 while directing traffic on Havens Corners Road in service to our community, leaving behind a wife and four children; and

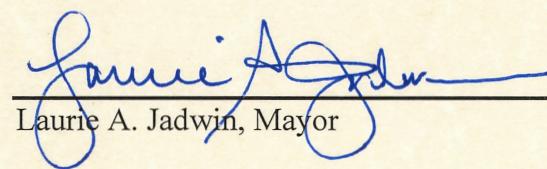
**WHEREAS:** The City of Gahanna is grateful for the unwavering commitment and dedication of the members of the Gahanna Division of Police, who unceasingly work to protect the safety of all in our community, regardless of the peril or hazard to themselves.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, publicly honor and salute the law enforcement officers who selflessly serve our community as well as communities across the Nation, and do hereby proclaim May 14-20, 2023, as



### **NATIONAL POLICE WEEK**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, to be affixed on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three.



Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor