



Gahanna *Proclamation*

PRIDE MONTH

June 2023

WHEREAS: The City of Gahanna supports the rights of every citizen to be treated with dignity and respect, and appreciates the importance of equality and freedom from discrimination; and

WHEREAS: The City of Gahanna continuously strives to be a community where all are welcome to live, work and play, and where every family, in any shape or form, deserves a place to call home where they are safe, happy, and supported by friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS: Gahanna's vibrant community includes lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and other (LGBTQ+) individuals, families and supporters who are an integral part of the fabric of our city; who represent many faiths, races, national origins, socioeconomic statuses, education levels, and political beliefs; and who demonstrate their pride and commitment throughout the year by virtue of their contributions to our culture, quality of life and economy; and

WHEREAS: The City of Gahanna and its residents, as reflected and stated in Section 23.07 of the Gahanna City Charter, denounce prejudice and discrimination against any person or group of people based on age, gender, race, color, marital status, disability, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, veteran status, or physical attributes, as an affront to our fundamental principles; and

WHEREAS: It is essential that all people in our community, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression, feel valued, safe, empowered and supported by their peers, neighbors and community leaders; and

WHEREAS: As a society, we have an obligation to ensure that every person in our community is treated equally and with dignity and respect.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, urge Gahanna residents to work to eliminate prejudice and to recognize the lasting contributions made by members of the LGBTQ+ community that have helped to make Gahanna a vibrant community in which to live, work, and visit. I do hereby proclaim June 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 June in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three.



Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor