



# Gahanna

## Proclamation

**June 5, 2023**

**WHEREAS:** The City of Gahanna is dedicated to safeguarding the spending and investment of taxpayer dollars, as well as communicating those investments with residents and community stakeholders in a transparent and clear manner; and

**WHEREAS:** The City of Gahanna's Department of Finance works diligently to ensure that the City is operating in accordance with best practices for government financial management, and that valuable taxpayer dollars are being spent appropriately and in accordance with the City's mission and vision; and

**WHEREAS:** Thanks to the efforts of Finance Director Joann Bury and the members of the Finance Department, the City of Gahanna has been repeatedly recognized for its excellence in financial reporting, most recently receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting in May 2023 for the City's annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021, from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA); and

**WHEREAS:** This is the 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting award that the City has received, and it is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, given to cities that demonstrate a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate a city's financial story and motivate residents and potential users to read the report; and

**WHEREAS:** For the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, the Finance Department also received the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting; and

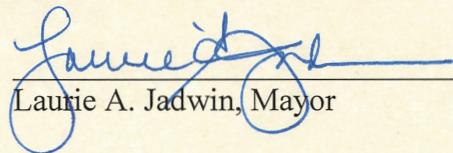
**WHEREAS:** Criteria for receiving this award included meeting nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation, which are designed to determine how well the City's budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device; and

**WHEREAS:** Achieving these prestigious awards is reflective of the expertise and dedication of the Finance Department team members and the commitment of all city departments to provide valuable financial information that reflects the City's continued stewardship of public dollars and how these valuable resources are returned to the taxpayers.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, do honor and recognize the City of Gahanna's Department of Finance Team for their exemplary work in governmental budgeting, fiscal management and reporting.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, to be affixed on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three.



Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor