Gahanna

Proclamation

MARTIN LUTHER KING Jr. DAY

January 17, 2022

WHEREAS: Martin Luther King Jr. Day was established on November 3, 1983 by President Ronald Reagan to celebrate and honor the life and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., for his efforts in the advancement of civil rights through nonviolent activism; and

WHEREAS: A Baptist minister, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. devoted his life to advancing equality, social justice, and opportunity for all, and challenged all Americans to participate in the never-ending work of building a more perfect union; and

WHEREAS: The most influential of Black civil rights leaders during the 1960s, Dr. King was instrumental in the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which outlawed discrimination in public accommodations, facilities, and employment, as well as the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

WHEREAS: Dr. King's teachings are just as important today as they were more than 50 years ago, as they can continue to guide and inspire us in addressing challenges of equality and opportunity for all within our communities; and

WHEREAS: Dr. King recognized that everyone can be great because everyone can serve, and during his lifetime encouraged all Americans to serve their neighbors and their communities; and

WHEREAS: Because of his example and teachings, Martin Luther King Jr. Day is recognized as a day of service, to meet local and national needs, bring our citizens together, and strengthen our communities and our nation; and

WHEREAS: As we observe Dr. King's birthday, the City of Gahanna encourages all Americans to celebrate his memory by performing acts of kindness through service to others in the framework of compassion.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, do hereby recognize and honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. for his outstanding leadership and dedication, and proclaim January 17, 2022 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 14th day of January in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two.

Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor