



City of Gahanna

200 South Hamilton
Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Signature

Resolution: RES-0039-2024

File Number: RES-0039-2024

A JOINT RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 2024, AS "NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH" IN THE CITY OF GAHANNA

WHEREAS, Indigenous peoples demonstrate remarkable strength and resilience, preserving rich cultures and traditions that shape our nation and community throughout history and today; and

WHEREAS, Native communities maintain thriving societies, steward lands, and contribute greatly to the scientific, cultural, and environmental advancements that benefit us all; and

WHEREAS, Despite historic injustices, including forced relocation and the suppression of their languages and traditions, Indigenous peoples continue to flourish, playing key roles in public service, innovation, and environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, Gahanna's name, derived from the Wyandot word meaning "three into one," honors the confluence of three waterways-Alum Creek, Blacklick Creek, and Big Walnut Creek-that merge just south of the city, symbolizing unity and strength; and

WHEREAS, The earliest known name for the Big Walnut Creek was "Big Belly," named for a Native American Chief. Eventually, the name was changed to the Gahanna River and ultimately the Big Walnut Creek; and

WHEREAS, As we commemorate the 175th anniversary of the founding of Gahanna in 2024, the City of Gahanna recognizes the significant role of Indigenous peoples in our shared history and affirms its connection to the Native American heritage embedded in the city's origins; and

WHEREAS, Gahanna recognizes the importance of respecting Tribal sovereignty and self-determination and honors the foundational role of Indigenous peoples in our shared history and future; and

WHEREAS, November is nationally recognized as Native American Heritage Month, offering a dedicated time to celebrate the achievements, cultures, and enduring legacy of Indigenous peoples.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT JOINTLY RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL AND PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. The City designates November 2024 as "Native American Heritage Month" in the City of Gahanna.

Section 2. The City encourages schools, businesses, and organizations to learn about and engage in activities that recognize the heritage and contributions of Indigenous peoples.

Section 3. The City will work to foster partnerships with Native communities to promote cultural exchange and understanding.

Section 4. This joint resolution and proclamation shall be in full effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

At a regular meeting of the City Council on November 4, 2024, a motion was made by Schnetzler, seconded by Renner, that the Resolution be Adopted. The vote was as follows:

Ms. Bowers, yes; Ms. Jones, yes; Ms. McGregor, yes; Ms. Padova, yes;
Mr. Renner, yes; Mr. Schnetzler, yes; Mr. Weaver, yes.

President Merisa K. Bowers
Merisa K. Bowers

Date 11/4/24

Attest by Jeremy A. Van Meter
Jeremy A. VanMeter
Clerk of Council

Date 11/4/2024

Approved by the Mayor Laurie A. Jadwin
Laurie A. Jadwin

Date 11.4.24

Approved as to Form PDT
Priya D. Tamararasan
City Attorney

Date 11/4/24