



Gahanna

Proclamation

PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

July 2020

WHEREAS: Parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, especially within the City of Gahanna; and

WHEREAS: Parks and recreation programs are vitally important to maintaining and enhancing quality of life in communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of cities and regions; and

WHEREAS: Parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

WHEREAS: Parks and recreation programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values and increased tourism, aid in enhancing the attraction and retention of businesses, and lead to a reduction in crime; and

WHEREAS: Parks and recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of a community, as they protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS: Parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for families to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and


WHEREAS: The U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

WHEREAS: The City of Gahanna recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources. Gahanna Department of Parks and Recreation maintains over 750 acres of parkland, including 26 community and neighborhood parks and facilities; manages preservation and conservation areas and open spaces; maintains 21.4 miles of bike and walking trails throughout the city; provides programming for seniors, youth and family; and presents and supports annual community events - all of which contribute to the quality of life for our residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laurie A Jadwin, Mayor of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, do urge Gahanna residents in recognizing the contributions of parks and recreation services to our city and to the benefits they provide for our quality of life, not only in July but all throughout the year. I hereby proclaim the month of July 2020, 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 2nd day of July in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty.


Laurie A Jadwin, Mayor

