



City of Gahanna

200 South Hamilton
Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Signature

Resolution: RES-0037-2024

File Number: RES-0037-2024

A JOINT RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING OCTOBER 28, 2024, AS "HONORING FIRST RESPONDERS DAY" IN THE CITY OF GAHANNA

WHEREAS, There are over 25 million career and volunteer First Responders in the United States, including those in Law Enforcement, Fire and Rescue, Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Management, and Public Works, who serve as our first and best line of defense during emergencies; and

WHEREAS, The City of Gahanna's First Responders are vital to our community, providing 24/7 life-saving services year-round, despite weather, illness, or other hazards, with a commitment marked by personal sacrifice and integrity in duty; and

WHEREAS, The Ohio Department of Public Safety established the Office of First Responder Wellness, acknowledging the physical, mental, and emotional risks First Responders face in their essential work; and ☐

WHEREAS, First Responders and their families make daily sacrifices, placing service above self in facing the dangers and uncertainties of their profession; and

WHEREAS, Supporting First Responders requires ongoing funding for wellness programs, recruitment, retention, onboarding, and training to meet the unique demands of their roles and ensure they have the resources to perform their duties safely and effectively; and

WHEREAS, All First Responders deserve recognition for their unwavering dedication to the well-being of our community, ensuring that everyone, irrespective of background or circumstance, can rely on their protection and care.

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. Designate October 28, 2024, as "Honoring First Responders Day" in recognition of the vital contributions of first responders.

Section 2. Encourage continued State funding for wellness programs and efforts to recruit, retain, and train emergency medical, fire, police, and public safety workers.

Section 3. Commit to supporting Gahanna's first responders, acknowledging their critical role in keeping the city safe.

Section 4. Encourage the people of Gahanna to observe "Honoring First Responders Day" by expressing gratitude to our First Responders, learning about their contributions, and supporting their needs.

At a regular meeting of the City Council on October 21, 2024, a motion was made by Schnetzler, seconded by Padova, that the Resolution be Adopted. The vote was as follows:

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

President Merisa K. Bowers
Merisa K. Bowers

Date 10/21/24

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

Date 10/21/2024

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

Date 10.21.2024

Approved as to Form PDTZ
Priya D. Tamilarasan
City Attorney

Date 10/21/24