



# Gahanna

## Proclamation

### PRIDE MONTH

June 2021

**WHEREAS:** The City of Gahanna supports the rights of every citizen to be treated with dignity and respect, and appreciates the importance of equality and freedom from discrimination; and

**WHEREAS:** The City of Gahanna continuously strives to be a community where all are welcome to live, work and play, and where every family, in any and every shape or form, deserves a place to call home where they are safe, happy, and supported by friends and neighbors; and

**WHEREAS:** Gahanna's vibrant community includes lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) individuals, families and supporters who are an integral part of the fabric of our City; who represent many faiths, races, national origins, socioeconomic statuses, education levels, and political beliefs; and who demonstrate their pride and commitment throughout the year by virtue of their contributions to our culture, quality of life and economy; and

**WHEREAS:** The City of Gahanna and its residents, as evidenced by our City Charter, denounce prejudice and discrimination based on age, gender identity, gender expression, race, color, marital status, disability, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, veteran status, or physical attributes as an affront to our fundamental principles; and

**WHEREAS:** It is imperative that people in our community, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, feel valued, safe, empowered and supported by their peers, neighbors and community leaders; and


**WHEREAS:** While the inclusion of LGBTQ people in the United States continues to expand every day, we must acknowledge that the need for education and awareness is vital to ending discrimination and to ensuring that every person is treated equally and with respect.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, urge Gahanna residents to work to eliminate prejudice and to celebrate and recognize the contributions made by members of the LGBTQ community, whose influential and lasting contributions have helped to make Gahanna a vibrant community in which to live, work, and visit. I do hereby proclaim June 2021 as

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have herunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, to be affixed on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-One.



  
Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor