

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2026 AS VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH IN THE CITY OF GAHANNA AND HONORING THE SERVICE OF COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS, INCLUDING EAGLE SCOUT AIDEN COMBS

WHEREAS, April is recognized nationally as National Volunteer Month, a time to honor individuals who dedicate their time, energy, and talents in service to others and to strengthen the fabric of our communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gahanna is built and sustained by "villagers"-individuals who show up for one another and for the community, often performing the unseen, inconvenient, and sometimes difficult physical and emotional labor that true community requires; and

WHEREAS, to "be a villager" is to contribute not for recognition, but out of a shared commitment to the well-being of neighbors, knowing that meaningful community is created through consistent acts of care, service, and presence; and

WHEREAS, volunteers plant seeds for trees whose shade they may never know, investing in a future that will benefit generations to come and ensuring that Gahanna remains a vibrant, welcoming, and resilient community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gahanna is fortunate to be home to countless volunteers, including civic leaders, coaches, mentors, nonprofit advocates, faith-based servants, and members of Scouting organizations, all of whom embody the spirit of service; and

WHEREAS, among those volunteers is Aiden Combs, a dedicated member of Scouting America Troop 317 based in Gahanna, who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to service by earning over 63 merit badges, hiking more than 350 miles, and contributing over 317 hours of service to the community; and

WHEREAS, as part of achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, which is Scouting's highest honor, Aiden completed a service project constructing playground equipment for the St. Luke Lutheran Church preschool, creating a lasting benefit for children and families in our community; and

WHEREAS, Aiden's engagement with the Gahanna community, including attending City Council meetings to learn about local government, exploring city parks and trails, and caretaking for our community's wellbeing, reflects the values of civic responsibility and active citizenship that this Council seeks to encourage in all residents;

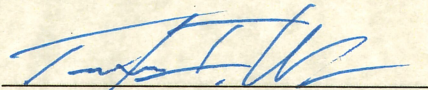
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, STATE OF OHIO:

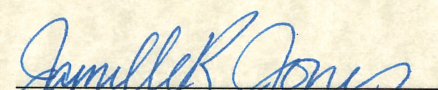
Section 1. That this Council hereby recognizes April 2026 as **Volunteer Appreciation Month** in the City of Gahanna and encourages all residents to honor and support those who give their time in service to others.


Section 2. That this Council expresses its deep gratitude to all volunteers who embody the spirit of "being a villager" and whose contributions sustain and strengthen the Gahanna community.

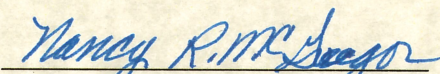
Section 3. That this Council hereby recognizes and commends **Aiden Combs** for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout and for his outstanding service to the community, and extends its congratulations on this significant accomplishment.

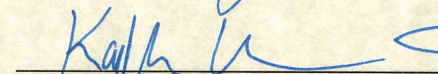
Section 4. That this Resolution shall take effect at the earliest period allowed by law.



Hon. Trenton I. Weaver, President

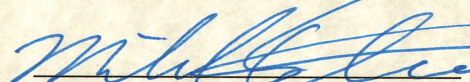

Hon. Jamille Jones, Vice President


Hon. Merisa K. Bowers, Member


Hon. Nancy R. McGregor, Member

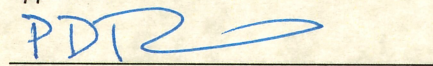

Hon. Kaylee Padova, Member


Hon. Stephen A. Renner, Member



Hon. Michael Schnetzer, Member

Attest: Certified as passed this 6th day
of April, 2026, RES-0011-2026.

Approved:


Hon. Priya D. Tamarasan, City Attorney




Jeremy A. VanMeter, Clerk of Council