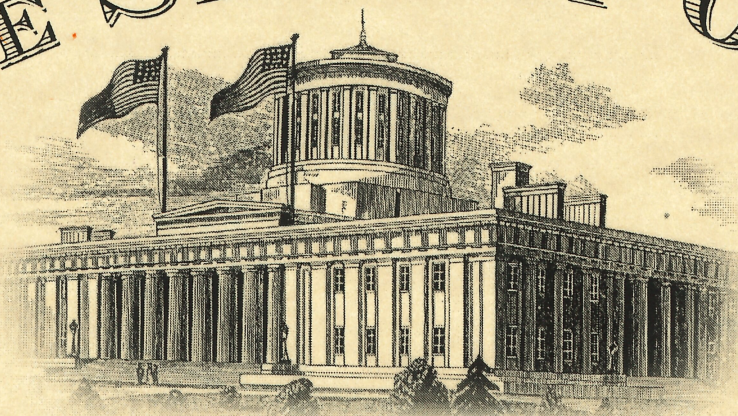


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On behalf of the members of the House of Representatives of the 136th General Assembly of Ohio, we are pleased to extend special recognition to the

CITY OF GAHANNA

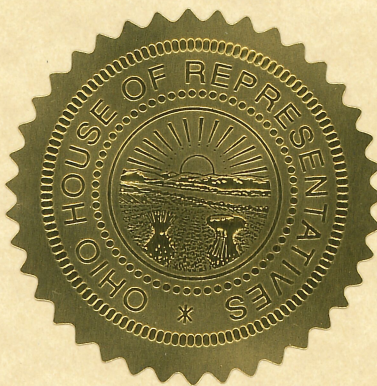
on its inaugural Juneteenth event.

On September 2, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation notifying the Southern states that if they did not return to the Union by January 1, 1863, he would declare slaves "forever free." This led to the celebrated Emancipation Proclamation, and on June 19, 1863, this news of freedom finally reached the State of Texas. Today, Juneteenth is celebrated across the country to memorialize this important moment in history, and the City of Gahanna is worthy of recognition for honoring this auspicious occasion with an inaugural community celebration.

The City of Gahanna's Juneteenth event provides a unique opportunity for area residents to gather and celebrate the freedom of all Americans, and all those involved with the preparations for this occasion, including the members of the Gahanna Juneteenth Committee, are deserving of high praise. Indeed, these fine volunteers have supported a number of efforts, including the Gahanna Black-Owned Business Passport, aimed at focusing attention on local Black-owned businesses and bringing the community together in a spirit of pride, partnership, and unity, and we applaud them on their outstanding work.

Thus, with great pleasure, we recognize the City of Gahanna on its inaugural Juneteenth event and extend best wishes for its continued success.

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