



City of Gahanna

200 South Hamilton
Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Signature

Resolution: RES-0018-2025

File Number: RES-0018-2025

A JOINT PROCLAMATION AND RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 3-10, 2025 AS HERB WEEK IN THE CITY OF GAHANNA

WHEREAS: National Herb Week was established by the International Herb Association in 1991 to celebrate and raise awareness of the many benefits of herbs, including their culinary, medicinal, and aromatic uses, as well as to support herbal businesses; and

WHEREAS: Herbs enhance our lives with their beauty, fragrance, and nutritional value, and promote a healthy lifestyle that can be sustained throughout a lifetime; and

WHEREAS: In the late 1800s and early 1900s, Gahanna became renowned for the exceptional quality and abundance of herbs grown by residents - leading residents to affectionately refer to the City as the "Herb Capital of Ohio"; and

WHEREAS: In 1972, Gahanna resident Jane "Bunnie" Geroux, with the support of Jo Ann Davidson - who later became the first female Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives - championed the formal recognition of this title, leading the Ohio General Assembly to pass a resolution officially declaring Gahanna the "Herb Capital of Ohio"; and

WHEREAS: To honor this legacy and celebrate its herbal heritage, Gahanna hosts an annual Herb Day on the first Saturday in May in conjunction with National Herb Day - an event that features the sale of thousands of fresh and organic herb plants, presentations by herbal experts on wellness, cooking, and gardening, and handcrafted products from local artisans, drawing thousands of residents and visitors to the City's downtown; and

WHEREAS: The City of Gahanna continues to embrace its title through the creation and support of community resources such as the Geroux Herb Gardens and the Ohio Herb Center, both of which serve to educate, inspire, and entertain residents on the versatile benefits of herbs; and

WHEREAS: In celebration of Gahanna's unique identity, Visit Gahanna - the City's Convention & Visitors Bureau, has developed signature herb-themed programs and events such as Herb'n Restaurant Week and the Herbal Cocktail Trail, which not only highlight the City's heritage but also promote local businesses and culinary innovations; and

WHEREAS: The City of Gahanna proudly recognizes the cultural, education, and economic value that its designation as the "Herb Capital of Ohio" continues to bring to the community and celebrates the important role this wonderfully unique attribute has in our city's history and in making Gahanna such an exceptional community.

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. That this Council and Mayor do hereby recognize the historical significance, cultural importance, and ongoing impact of our City's official designation as the "Herb Capital of Ohio."

Section 2. That the week of May 3 - 10, 2025 shall be officially recognized as "Herb Week" in the City of

Gahanna, to further honor our City's unique legacy.

Section 3. That Gahanna residents are urged to join in celebrating our city's heritage and identity by participating in Herb Day and other local events.

Section 4. That this Joint Proclamation and Resolution shall be in full force and effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

At a regular meeting of the City Council on April 21, 2025, a motion was made by Schnitzer, seconded by Renner, that the Resolution be Adopted. The vote was as follows:

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

President Merisa K. Bowers
Merisa K. Bowers

Date 4/21/25

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

Date 4/22/2025

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

Date 4.21.2025

Approved as to Form PDT
Priya D. Tamilarasan
City Attorney

Date 4/21/25