



# Gahanna

## *Proclamation*

### *MARTIN LUTHER KING Jr. DAY*

*JANUARY 15, 2024*

**WHEREAS:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day was established on November 3, 1983, by President Ronald Reagan to celebrate and honor the life and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his efforts in the advancement of civil rights through nonviolent activism; and

**WHEREAS:** A Baptist minister, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. dedicated his life to advancing equality, social justice, and opportunity for all, and challenged all Americans to participate in the never-ending work of building a more perfect union; and

**WHEREAS:** The most influential of Black civil rights leaders during the 1960s, Dr. King was instrumental in the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which outlawed discrimination in public accommodations, facilities, and employment, as well as the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

**WHEREAS:** Dr. King's teachings have continued to resonate for more than 50 years, as they guide and inspire us in addressing challenges of equality and opportunity for all within our communities; and

**WHEREAS:** Dr. King recognized that everyone can be great because everyone can serve, and during his lifetime encouraged all Americans to serve their neighbors and their communities; and

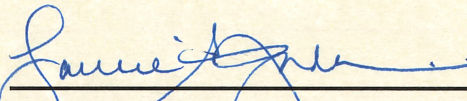
**WHEREAS:** Gahanna residents Alexander and Wynyki Alston are committed to serving individuals in our community through their work in establishing Youth Excellence and the Wynyki Alston Foundation, through which they endeavor to increase opportunities for growth and training for children who live in disadvantageous environments, educate our community on mental health trends impacting Black youth, and connect underserved families with supportive and critical resources; and

**WHEREAS:** As we observe Dr. King's birthday and his call to all for service to one another, the City of Gahanna commends Alex and Wynyki Alston for the tremendous impact they have had on our community by personifying Dr. King's vision of fostering a better community for all through their service to others in the framework of compassion.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, do hereby recognize and express our gratitude to Alex and Wynyki Alston for their pursuit of achieving equality for all in our community, as envisioned and inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his commitment to service.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Gahanna, Ohio to be affixed on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four.

  
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Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor