



City of Gahanna

200 South Hamilton
Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Signature

Resolution: RES-0040-2025

File Number: RES-0040-2025

A JOINT RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE SEPTEMBER 28, 2025, AS NATIONAL GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY IN THE CITY OF GAHANNA

WHEREAS, more than 35,000 residents call Gahanna home, living in a vibrant mosaic of neighborhoods and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, our neighborhoods represent the heartbeat of our community, safe spaces where children play in front yards, neighbors gather over cookouts, and gardens bloom in every season; and

WHEREAS, while many Gahanna residents share friendships with their neighbors, across the nation, many people remain strangers to those living just steps away, often sharing cul-de-sacs without ever knowing each other's names; and

WHEREAS, in some neighborhoods, the preference for keeping to oneself can unintentionally lead to greater isolation and loneliness; and

WHEREAS, loneliness was declared a public health crisis in 2023, the surgeon general recognizing its profound effects on physical and mental health, life expectancy, and overall well-being; and

WHEREAS, Building upon Supporting Gahanna Together Day and other beloved community events, Gahanna continually strives to be a leader in fostering connection, encouraging residents to welcome their neighbors, forming friendships, strengthening trust, improving quality of life, and building resilience across every corner of our city; and

WHEREAS, National Good Neighbor Day was created in the early 1970s by Becky Mattson of Lakeside, Montana, and made an official U.S. holiday by President Jimmy Carter in 1978 to inspire understanding, respect, and friendship among neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gahanna values strong neighborhoods and recognizes the power of kindness, connection, and shared community spirit to strengthen our city;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL AND PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the Council and Mayor hereby recognize September 28, 2025, as National Good Neighbor Day in the City of Gahanna and commend the individuals, neighborhood leaders, and organizations working to build stronger, more connected neighborhoods.

Section 2. That the Council and Mayor express sincere appreciation to all residents, community groups, and partners who foster connection, kindness, and mutual support among neighbors throughout the year.

Section 3. That the Council and Mayor encourage all residents to take part in National Good Neighbor Day by introducing themselves to new neighbors, participating in neighborhood activities, and supporting efforts that strengthen community bonds.

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

At a regular meeting of the City Council on September 15, 2025, a motion was made by Schnetzer, 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. Schnetzer, yes; Mr. Weaver, yes.

President Merisa K Bowers
Merisa K. Bowers

Date 9/15/2025

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

Date 9/15/2025

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

Date 9.15.2025

Approved as to Form PDT
Priya D. Tamilarasan
City Attorney

Date 9/15/25