



# City of Gahanna

200 South Hamilton  
Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

## Signature

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### **A JOINT RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING JANUARY 2025 AS "CERVICAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE CITY OF GAHANNA**

**WHEREAS**, Cervical cancer touches the lives of many families far and near, with nearly 500 women in Ohio diagnosed each year; and

**WHEREAS**, Human papillomavirus (HPV) is the primary cause of cervical cancer, but there is hope! Cervical cancer is preventable, with the safe and effective HPV vaccine able to prevent over 90% of related cases, offering a powerful tool to protect loved ones; and

**WHEREAS**, One of the factors with adequate evidence of a decreased risk of cervical cancer is sexual abstinence according to cancer.gov; and

**WHEREAS**, HPV that causes cervical cancer also increases the risk of other cancers in men and women; therefore, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends the HPV vaccine for routine vaccination of both boys and girls, safeguarding the health and future of our families; and

**WHEREAS**, Early detection through regular Pap and HPV screenings provides a lifeline, significantly improving outcomes for those diagnosed early; and

**WHEREAS**, Raising awareness and expanding access to vaccines and screenings are vital steps toward a future free from cervical cancer and HPV-related cancers, empowering individuals and their families to take charge of their health; and

**WHEREAS**, The Crawford Crew, a dedicated nonprofit founded in 2009 in Westerville, Ohio, has been a beacon of hope in the fight against cervical cancer, expanding its mission in 2019 to include the eradication of all HPV-related cancers; and

**WHEREAS**, With tireless dedication, the Crawford Crew has profoundly impacted communities by providing education, access to treatment, and unwavering support for patients battling HPV-related cancers. This volunteer-driven organization exemplifies the power of community, showcasing a shared commitment to improving lives and advancing health initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, The Crawford Crew eagerly seeks opportunities to collaborate on health and wellness initiatives in Gahanna and beyond. With a history of advocacy and local champions, the Crawford Crew looks forward to fostering new connections and continuing its life-changing work.

**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.** January 2025 is hereby designated as "Cervical Health Awareness Month" to promote prevention, early detection, and education about cervical cancer.

**Section 2.** Continued support is encouraged for vaccination and screening programs, especially for underserved communities.

**Section 3.** The Crawford Crew is recognized and commended for their unwavering dedication to eradicating cervical and HPV-related cancers and their impactful efforts in education, treatment access, and community engagement.

**Section 4.** Gahanna residents are urged to prioritize their health by supporting preventive healthcare and spreading awareness of available resources.

**Section 5.** 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 January 21, 2025, a motion was made by Weaver,  
seconded by Padova, 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 1/27/25

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

Date 1/21/2025

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

Date 1.22.2025

Approved as to Form PDT  
Priya D. Tamilarasan  
City Attorney

Date 1/21/25