



Gahanna

Proclamation

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES MONTH

MARCH 2022

WHEREAS: In 1987, President Ronald Reagan declared March as “National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month”, urging all Americans to join in encouraging and providing opportunities for our fellow citizens with developmental disabilities to lead productive lives and to achieve their full potential, and bringing awareness to the barriers they still face in connecting to the communities in which they live; and

WHEREAS: Individuals with developmental disabilities are of all racial, ethnic, educational, social, and economic backgrounds, and are all valued members of society who find fulfillment living everyday lives; and

WHEREAS: ARC Industries is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with five Adult Resource Centers in Central Ohio (two of which are located in Gahanna), whose mission is to support individuals with disabilities in achieving their life goals; and

WHEREAS: Serving more than 1,100 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout Central Ohio for over 50 years, ARC Industries has been a leader in our community, providing innovative services and support geared to helping developmentally disabled individuals reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS: ARC Industries offers community-based vocational programs with paid internships at or above minimum wage, transportation to and from service locations, virtual services to keep individuals connected, and support designed to assist individuals with obtaining employment in their local communities; and

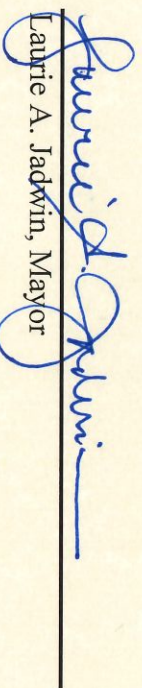
WHEREAS: ARC Industries is proudly recognized as a premier provider of services for individuals with Intellectual and Development Disabilities in Central Ohio, and has achieved their mission by helping individuals access the community where they live and work, and by helping them to develop independence, self-advocacy and skills important to employment and community membership.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, urge Gahanna citizens to recognize the contributions of individuals with developmental disabilities and the accomplishments of ARC Industries in empowering them to achieve independence and full potential, and do hereby proclaim the month of March 2022, as

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, to be affixed on this 7th day of March in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two.




Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor