



**Gahanna**  
**Proclamation**

***OFFICER KAYLEA PERTZ***  
***February 19, 2024***

**WHEREAS:** On November 14, 2023, Sergeant Justin Sheasby, Sergeant Kyle Parrish, and Officer Kaylea Pertz of the Gahanna Division of Police, were traveling on Interstate 70 on their way to training when they came upon a violent and fiery crash involving a tractor trailer, passenger vehicle, and a charter bus full of students; and

**WHEREAS:** Observing no other public safety vehicles on the scene, the officers, without any hesitation and at great risk to themselves, immediately headed toward the crash to render aid to victims; and

**WHEREAS:** Braving the overwhelming heat and flames, the officers worked to pull injured students from bus windows, extracted a trapped driver from an involved passenger car, dragged victims away from the immediate crash site, carried students to safety while rendering CPR to a more critically wounded victim, and ensured that victims, bystanders and witnesses were safe and secure; and

**WHEREAS:** The courageous and selfless acts of Sgt. Sheasby, Sgt. Parrish and Officer Pertz in responding swiftly and decisively to render aid to victims and to protect the safety of others in the area saved numerous lives and comforted both victims and their families; and

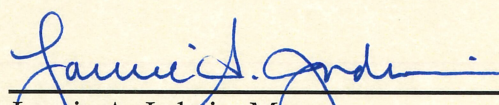
**WHEREAS:** The extraordinary conduct of the officers in going above and beyond the call of duty to save others despite great risk to themselves is reflective of the training received by members of the Gahanna Division of Police, exemplifies the core values of professionalism, commitment, integrity and respect that are embraced by the Division, and is representative of the high quality of service, care and compassion that the Division delivers to our community each and every day; and

**WHEREAS:** The City of Gahanna is profoundly grateful for the exceptional service and acts of bravery demonstrated by Sgt. Sheasby, Sgt. Parrish, and Officer Pertz, and for their unwavering commitment “to serve and protect” at all times.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor of the City of Gahanna, do hereby proclaim February 19, 2024, as a day to express our utmost appreciation, gratitude and respect to Sergeant Justin Sheasby, Sergeant Kyle Parrish, and Officer Kaylea Pertz, for their acts of heroism and lifesaving actions, and for their exemplary representation of our city.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, to be affixed on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor