



City of Gahanna

200 South Hamilton
Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Signature

Resolution: RES-0004-2026

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**A JOINT RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MARCH 2026 AS
"WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH" IN THE CITY OF GAHANNA AND HONORING
LAURA M. FISHER, THE FIRST WOMAN ELECTED TO SERVE ON THE VILLAGE
OF GAHANNA COUNCIL IN 1921**

WHEREAS, women have long shaped our communities, nation, and world through leadership, innovation, and civic engagement, confronting challenges such as economic insecurity, healthcare disparities, environmental sustainability, and threats to democratic participation while designing lasting solutions for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the National Women's History Alliance has designated the 2026 Women's History Month theme as "Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future," recognizing that sustainability includes not only environmental stewardship, but also economic vitality, educational advancement, civic leadership, and intergenerational equity; and

WHEREAS, women, particularly those from historically marginalized communities, continue to lead transformative efforts that strengthen community resilience, expand opportunity, and foster systems that support both people and the planet; and

WHEREAS, the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution on August 6, 1920, marked a historic milestone in securing women's right to vote after generations of advocacy by leaders such as Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Amelia Bloomer, and Susan B. Anthony, paving the way for women's participation in civic leadership; and

WHEREAS, on November 8, 1921, Laura M. Fisher was elected as the Village of Gahanna's first woman Councilmember, becoming the first woman to win and serve in any elected office in Gahanna, among the first women elected to municipal office in Franklin County and the State of Ohio, and among the earliest women to serve in municipal government in the United States; and

WHEREAS, during her service in 1922, Councilmember Fisher participated in consequential municipal actions, including the transition from gas to electric lighting, infrastructure improvements, franchise and utility negotiations, sanitation and street maintenance initiatives, and responsible fiscal governance, helping position Gahanna for modernization and long-term community sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the women of Gahanna continue to lead across public service, education, business, healthcare, environmental advocacy, and community development, carrying forward a legacy of leadership that strengthens our city today and builds a sustainable future for tomorrow.

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. That the City of Gahanna hereby recognizes March 2026 as Women's History Month in the City of Gahanna, uplifting the 2026 theme of "Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future."

Section 2. That the Council, Mayor, and City Attorney honor the historic leadership of Laura M. Fisher and recognize her pioneering service as a foundation for women's civic leadership in Gahanna.

Section 3. That the City of Gahanna encourages continued efforts to honor, educate, inspire, connect, and

envision a thriving and sustainable future where women's leadership remains central to strong communities and a healthy society.

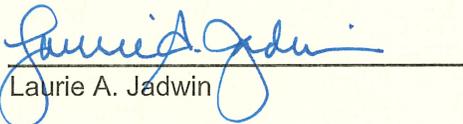
Section 4. That this joint Resolution and Proclamation shall be in full force and effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

At a regular meeting of the City Council on March 2, 2026, a motion was made by Renner, seconded by Bowers, 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  Date 3-2-26
Trenton I. Weaver

Attest by  Date 3/2/2026
Jeremy A. VanMeter
Clerk of Council

Approved by the Mayor  Date 3.2.2026
Laurie A. Jadwin

Approved as to Form  Date 3/2/26
Priya D. Tamaralarasan
City Attorney