

A JOINT RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 6, 2024, AS NATIONAL COACHES DAY IN THE CITY OF GAHANNA

WHEREAS, in the City of Gahanna, Coaches dedicate countless hours and resources to mentoring athletes, building future leaders, and embodying the spirit of our community; and

WHEREAS, on September 19, 1972, President Richard Nixon established October 6th as National Coaches Day; acknowledging that "Coaches are highly qualified teachers [...] friends and counselors who help instill in their players important attitudes that will serve them all their lives."; and

WHEREAS, Coaches range from volunteers to credentialed professionals, with many holding advanced certifications. According to the National Coach Survey Final Report, through The Ohio State University LIFEsports Initiative, the top areas of training for coaches include: tactics and strategy; sport skills and techniques; relationship building; performance anxiety; motivational techniques; leadership development; team dynamics; mental health; effective communication; and life skill development through sport; and

WHEREAS, beyond technique, coaches receive training to address the health needs of their athletes, including prevention and care for possible superficial to serious injuries, as well as hydration and proper strength training practices, ensuring the safety and well-being of those under their care; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gahanna is home to a diverse and thriving athletic community, which includes coaches, athletes, and sports enthusiasts of all ages and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, this community includes: the Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools comprehensive athletic program, the Gahanna Lions Youth Football League, the Gahanna Junior League Sports, the Gahanna Soccer Association, Gahanna Youth Lacrosse, Gahanna Youth Cheer, Hunters Ridge Seahorses, and Foxboro Barracudas, among many other wonderful organizations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gahanna partners up with local youth sports affiliates to provide the youth of Gahanna with a wide variety of sports offerings within our park system, serving hundreds of coaches and thousands of athletes; and

WHEREAS, Coaches serve as positive role models, encouraging sportsmanship, teamwork, and respect for others, both on and off the field.

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 Council and Mayor hereby recognize October 6, 2024, as National Coaches Day in the City of Gahanna.

Section 2. That the Council and Mayor express their gratitude for the commitment of all coaches who inspire and guide our youth, helping to build a stronger, more connected community.

Section 3. That the Council and Mayor affirms that coaches in Gahanna deserve respect and appreciation for their vital contributions, as they help shape the next generation of leaders and community members.

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

Hon. Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor

Hon. Merisa K. Bowers, President

Hon. Trenton I. Weaver, Vice President

Hon Jamille Jones, Member

Hon. Nancy R. McGregor, Member

Hon. Kaylee Padova, Member

Hon. Stephen A. Renner, Member

Hon. Michael Schnetzer, Member

Certified as passed this 7th day of October, 2024.

Resolution 0035-2024

Presented to Coaches of

Hunters Ridge Seahorses, Gahanna Soccer Association, Gahanna Junior League Baseball, Foxboro Barracudas & Gahanna Lions Youth Football League



Attest:

Deremy A. Van Meter, Clerk of Council