



Proclamation

Autism Acceptance Month

April 2024

WHEREAS: “Autism Acceptance Month,” formerly known as “Autism Awareness Month,” was established by the Autism Society of America to foster understanding and promote an inclusive community where autistic individuals are connected to the support they need and are supported to achieve the highest quality of life possible; and

WHEREAS: Autism is the fastest growing developmental disorder in the United States, with 1 in 36 children in the United States identified as having Autism Spectrum Disorder as of April 2023, impacting individuals and families without regard to race, ethnicity, gender or socio-economic background; and

WHEREAS: In September 2020, Markita Cumberlander established Eleven 11 Behavioral Solutions to provide in-home therapy as well as school support services for individuals with autism, working with families to develop communication and socialization skills; and

WHEREAS: After seeing an increased need for such services within the City of Gahanna as well as a need for the minority community to receive these medically necessary services, Markita opened her own clinic in Gahanna in December 2022; and

WHEREAS: In addition to providing ABA (applied behavior analysis) therapy to the Autism population and other neurodivergent communities ages 2 to 22 to increase communication, socialization and/or daily living skills, Eleven 11 also provides parent training, school consultations, and resources to families looking for support; and

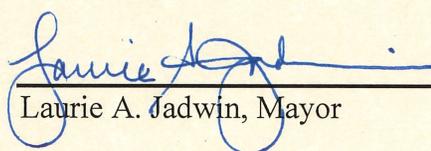
WHEREAS: The City of Gahanna is honored to observe Autism Acceptance Month in the hope that it will lead to a better understanding of the disorder and opportunities to meet the diverse needs of individuals and families affected by Autism, and to recognize and commend Eleven 11 Behavioral Solutions and Markita Cumberlander for their commitment to improving the lives of individuals and families navigating this condition.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, urge Gahanna citizens to join me in both celebrating the efforts of the Eleven 11 Behavioral Solutions in advocating for individuals with Autism and their families, and also fostering acceptance of families impacted by Autism through support and opportunities in everyday life. I do hereby proclaim the month of April 2024 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 1st day of April in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four.


Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor