



# Gahanna

## *Proclamation*

### *CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH*

#### *September 2025*

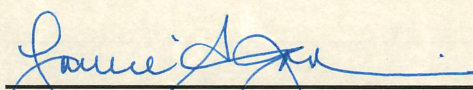
- WHEREAS:** September is recognized as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, a time to honor the courage of children and families affected by pediatric cancer and to renew our commitment to finding better treatments and ultimately a cure; and
- WHEREAS:** Childhood cancer is the leading cause of disease-related deaths in children in the United States and includes more than 12 major types of pediatric cancers with over 100 subtypes; and
- WHEREAS:** Approximately one in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed with cancer by their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday, with 47 children diagnosed per day, or 17,155 children annually diagnosed with cancer across the country; and
- WHEREAS:** The average age of diagnosis for children is six years old compared to an average age of 66 for adult cancer diagnoses, with 80% of childhood cancer patients diagnosed late and with metastatic disease; and
- WHEREAS:** More than two-thirds of childhood cancer patients will experience chronic health conditions due to their treatment toxicity, with one-quarter being classified as severe to life-threatening; and
- WHEREAS:** As only six new drugs have been approved by the FDA in the last 20 years to specifically treat childhood cancer, the National Cancer Institute recognizes the unique research needs of childhood cancer and the associated need for increased funding to support further research; and
- WHEREAS:** Hundreds of local and national non-profit organizations, including the Friends of Faith Pruden Foundation, are helping children with cancer and their families by providing educational, emotional and financial support; and
- WHEREAS:** The City of Gahanna recognizes the strength and resilience of the Daubenmire family, whose daughter, Hannah, was diagnosed with cancer in 2024. Hannah bravely underwent treatment and is now on the road to recovery. Inspired by their journey, the Daubenmire family has become passionate advocates for raising awareness about the urgent need for increased funding for childhood cancer research, which remains significantly underfunded compared to other forms of cancer; and
- WHEREAS:** The City of Gahanna honors the Daubenmire family for their unwavering commitment to advancing safer, more effective treatments for childhood cancer and stands with them – and with families across the nation – recognizing their courage, resilience, and unbreakable spirit in the face of tremendous challenges.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, encourage Gahanna citizens to join me in raising awareness for childhood cancer and supporting families affected by this disease, and do hereby proclaim the month of September 2025 in Gahanna 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Five.

  
Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor