



Gahanna

GAHANNA HERB WEEK

May 1-8, 2021

WHEREAS: National Herb Week was established by the International Herb Association to celebrate and raise awareness of the benefits of herbs, herbal uses and herbal businesses; and

WHEREAS: Beauty, fragrance and nutrition are added to our lives through the growing of herbs, which helps to promote a healthy lifestyle that can last a lifetime; and

WHEREAS: During the late 1800s and early 1900s, Gahanna residents became famous for the quality and quantity of herbs that they grew, leading residents to eventually begin calling the city the “Herb Capital of Ohio”; and

WHEREAS: In 1972, Gahanna resident Jane “Bunnie” Geroux, with the aid of Jo Ann Davidson (who later became Ohio’s first female Speaker of the House), advocated to have the title adopted for our city, leading the Ohio General Assembly to pass a resolution officially declaring Gahanna the “Herb Capital of Ohio”; and

WHEREAS: To celebrate Gahanna’s past and its unique designation as Ohio’s Herb Capital, Herb Day is held each year in May in the City’s Creekside District and features a sale of more than 4,000 plants and 100 varieties of fresh, organic herbs; presentations by herbal experts on health and wellness, culinary, and gardening subjects; and food and retail vendors offering all-things-herbal products; and

WHEREAS: The City of Gahanna has further embraced its special designation through its creation of the Geroux Herb Gardens, which honors the legacy of Mrs. Geroux and is dedicated to growing herbs, and the Ohio Herb Center, which provides programming geared to educating and entertaining residents and visitors on the benefits and uses of herbs; and

WHEREAS: In honor of Gahanna Herb Week, Gahanna residents and visitors can enjoy special herbal-themed events that celebrate the City’s “Herb Capital” status, including Visit Gahanna’s Herb ‘n Restaurant Week, which features herb-infused dishes from signature Gahanna restaurants and eateries, as well as their unique Herbal Cocktail Trail, featuring signature herbal-infused cocktails created by local Gahanna businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, do urge Gahanna citizens to recognize and celebrate the healthy benefits of herbs and the important role they have in our city’s history. I hereby proclaim May 1-8, 2021, 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 May in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-One.




Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor