



A JOINT RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING JANUARY 2025 AS "CERVICAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE CITY OF GAHANNA

WHEREAS, Cervical cancer touches the lives of many families far and near, with nearly 500 women in Ohio diagnosed each year; and

WHEREAS, Human papillomavirus (HPV) is the primary cause of cervical cancer, but there is hope! Cervical cancer is preventable, with the safe and effective HPV vaccine able to prevent over 90% of related cases, offering a powerful tool to protect loved ones; and

WHEREAS, One of the factors with adequate evidence of a decreased risk of cervical cancer is sexual abstinence according to cancer.gov; and

WHEREAS, HPV that causes cervical cancer also increases the risk of other cancers in men and women; therefore, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends the HPV vaccine for routine vaccination of both boys and girls, safeguarding the health and future of our families; and

WHEREAS, Early detection through regular Pap and HPV screenings provides a lifeline, significantly improving outcomes for those diagnosed early; and

WHEREAS, Raising awareness and expanding access to vaccines and screenings are vital steps toward a future free from cervical cancer and HPV-related cancers, empowering individuals and their families to take charge of their health; and

WHEREAS, The Crawford Crew, a dedicated nonprofit founded in 2009 in Westerville, Ohio, has been a beacon of hope in the fight against cervical cancer, expanding its mission in 2019 to include the eradication of all HPV-related cancers; and

WHEREAS, With tireless dedication, the Crawford Crew has profoundly impacted communities by providing education, access to treatment, and unwavering support for patients battling HPV-related cancers. This volunteer-driven organization exemplifies the power of community, showcasing a shared commitment to improving lives and advancing health initiatives; and

WHEREAS, The Crawford Crew eagerly seeks opportunities to collaborate on health and wellness initiatives in Gahanna and beyond. With a history of advocacy and local champions, the Crawford Crew looks forward to fostering new connections and continuing its life-changing work.

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:

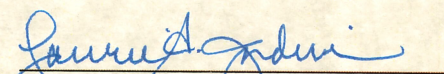
Section 1. January 2025 is hereby designated as "Cervical Health Awareness Month" to promote prevention, early detection, and education about cervical cancer.

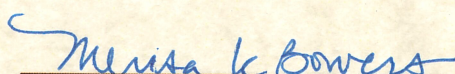
Section 2. Continued support is encouraged for vaccination and screening programs, especially for underserved communities.

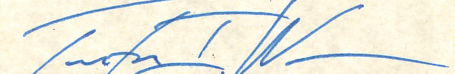
Section 3. The Crawford Crew is recognized and commended for their unwavering dedication to eradicating cervical and HPV-related cancers and their impactful efforts in education, treatment access, and community engagement.


Section 4. Gahanna residents are urged to prioritize their health by supporting preventive healthcare and spreading awareness of available resources.

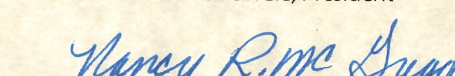
Section 5. That this Joint Resolution and Proclamation shall be in full force and effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

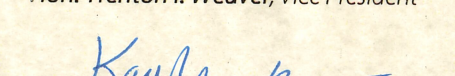

Hon. Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor

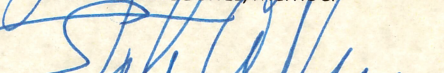

Hon. Merisa K. Bowers, President


Hon. Trenton I. Weaver, Vice President

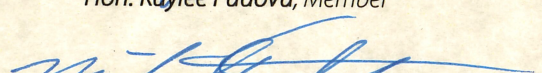

Hon. Jamille Jones, Member


Hon. Nancy R. McGregor, Member


Hon. Kaylee Padova, Member

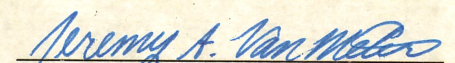

Hon. Stephen A. Renner, Member




Hon. Michael Schnetzer, Member

Certified as passed this 21st day of January 2025.
Resolution 0002-2025

Attest:


Jeremy A. VanMeter, Clerk of Council