

## A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MR. T'S PIZZA LEGACY ON GAHANNA'S FOOD ECONOMY

WHEREAS, *Pizza is one of America's comfort foods, and pizza shops may become community hubs, fostering a sense of local identity and community; and*

WHEREAS, *Gahanna has consistently celebrated and supported its small businesses and the entrepreneurs who drive them; and*

WHEREAS, *Mr. T's Pizza was originally the creation of Tom Snyder near Gahanna at Agler and Stelzer Rd in the 1970s; and*

WHEREAS, *both Jeffrey Armstrong and his father, Jim Armstrong, worked in the kitchen and delivered Mr. T's Pizza pies and other menu items to Gahanna area and Mifflin Township residents; and*

WHEREAS, *Jim Armstrong, at his son's multiple requests and urging, bought Mr. T's Pizza in 1981; and*

WHEREAS, *Jim and Jeffrey Armstrong expanded Mr. T's Pizza by opening another store at Parksville Street and Rt 161 around 1987, yet both locations were closed around 2002; and*

WHEREAS, *Jeffrey Armstrong and family re-opened Mr. T's Pizza on October 21, 2018, once again, bringing families and residents together from both Gahanna and Mifflin Township; and*

WHEREAS, *Mr. T's Pizza fostered a vibrant food economy with its dedication to quality, service, and community engagement; and*

WHEREAS, *Mr. T's Pizza was a strong community partner, advocating and supporting local school fundraisers and charitable initiatives, such as toys for under privileged children in Gahanna and Mifflin Township; and*

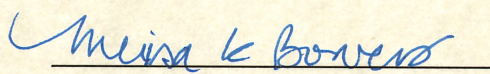
WHEREAS, *Mr. T's Pizza will be greatly missed among the social fabric of our small city, and we all look forward to the day when Mr. T's Pizza re-opens its doors and add once again to our vibrant food economy; and*

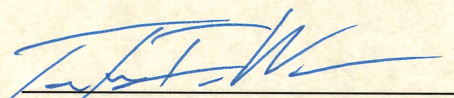
WHEREAS, *Council expresses its gratitude to the Armstrong family for their years of hard work and wishes them well in their future ventures.*

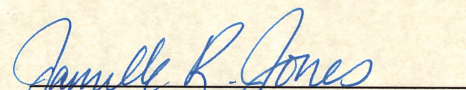
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, STATE OF OHIO:


Section 1. *That this Council does hereby recognize February 5, 2024, as Mr. T's Pizza Day for the City of Gahanna.*

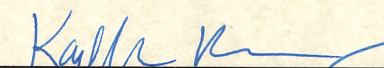
Section 2. *That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect at the earliest period allowed by law.*

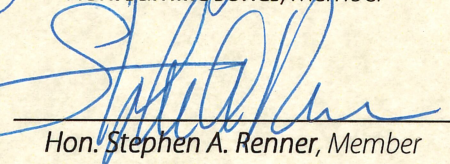
  
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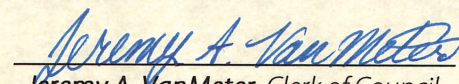
  
Hon. Stephen A. Renner, Member

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Hon. Michael Schnetzer, Member



ATTEST:

Certified as passed on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of  
February 2024, RES-0004-2024.

  
Jeremy A. VanMeter, Clerk of Council