

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO CLIMATE ACTION AND RECOGNIZING APRIL 22, 2022, EARTH DAY

~~**WHEREAS**, an overwhelming majority of scientists from around the world have declared climate change to be the single most critical issue faced by Earth's family of nations; and~~

WHEREAS, the number one goal of the MORPC Regional Sustainability Agenda includes improving air quality and reducing climate change impacts to protect public health and the environment; and

~~**WHEREAS**, the City of Gahanna is committed to policies and initiatives that support sustainability, including increasing alternative fuel vehicles and infrastructure, increasing access to parks and regional trails, and increasing the availability of affordable housing options near transit and job centers; and~~
~~improving our local environment and increasing sustainability within the City by offering residents diversified modes of transportation, well-planned, varied housing stock, accessible and inclusive parks, clean waterways, and vibrant networks of regional trails; and~~

~~**WHEREAS**, policies such as these create connectivity between neighborhoods, increase the values of our homes, and improve public health outcomes for all; and~~

~~**WHEREAS**, Earth Day celebrates achievements in environmental protection of Earth's natural resources each April 22nd; and~~

~~**WHEREAS**, the City's acquisition and preservation of 750 acres of park land, investment in 4.6 miles of multi-use trails, certification of Creekside Park as a Level 1 Arboretum, installation of electric vehicle charging stations, a 32-year designation as a Tree City, and regular communitywide litter pick-ups and beautification efforts all serve as a testament to the City of Gahanna's efforts to protect the environment; and~~

~~**WHEREAS**, the City of Gahanna affirms its commitment to Invest In Our Planet, the 2022 Earth Day theme, and work with regional partners to build a prosperous and equitable future; celebrates these milestones in protecting the environment and creating a better future for all inhabitants annually with Earth Day.~~

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**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 reaffirm its commitment to climate action for the protection of Earth's natural resources in the City of Gahanna. That Gahanna City Council hereby affirms its commitment to diversified and well-planned environmental policies that improve public health and enhance the quality of life for all.~~

Section 2- That this Council does hereby recognize April 22, 2022, as Earth Day in the City of Gahanna.

Section 3. ~~That this Council encourages residents to explore our many parks, trails and waterways to appreciate the green spaces available to all.~~

Section 43. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

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