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PRESS RELEASE

Gahanna City Council has adopted its bicentennial flag as Gahanna's official banner. "Mayor Dana Rinehart's request for our flag, which will be flown in the Columbus City Building, made us aware that Gahanna had not officially adopted one," said Karen Angelou, President of the Gahanna City Council. Mrs. Angelou and Mayor Jim McGregor asked Pat Froman, secretary to the Mayor, to head up a research project to adopt a flag for the city. Mrs. Froman's committee recommended the bicentennial flag to Council. Councilwoman Dolly Morgan proposed the ordinance adopting the flag.

The Gahanna flag consists of three stars on a blue background. The stars are emblematic of Gahanna's past, present and future. The design is a variation of the "three in one" phrase contained in the city seal and a local saying which describes Gahanna as a community "with a forward look and a backward glance".

The first small star represents the city as it was, a small community which shone brightly with a great potential in the galaxy of central Ohio.

The second or middle star represents the city's present. It symbolizes the city as moving forward, striving to achieve.

The third and largest star represents the promise of Gahanna's future, the potential of an ever improving community.

Together the three stars represent not only Gahanna's past, present and emerging future but, most importantly, the indomitable spirit of Gahanna's citizens to strive for excellence and a quality of life equally available to all regardless of age, race, gender, religious belief or social status.

This spirit is the same powerful force that, in spite of all odds, brought forth this great country, "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all".

Mayor McGregor will present their newly adopted flag to Mayor Rinehart at Saturday's special meeting of Central Ohio Mayors.