



City of Gahanna

200 South Hamilton
Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Signature

Resolution: RES-0019-2026

File Number: RES-0019-2026

A JOINT RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION HONORING JUNETEENTH & GAHANNA'S SECOND ANNUAL JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

WHEREAS, on June 19, 1865, more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued, Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, liberating enslaved African Americans, and today we honor that pivotal moment in American history as Juneteenth, also known as Emancipation Day; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth stands as a powerful reminder of freedom, resilience, and the ongoing pursuit of justice, equity, and opportunity for all people; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, Juneteenth was established as a federal holiday and recognized as a state holiday in Ohio, and the City of Gahanna designated Juneteenth as an official observed paid holiday for City employees; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gahanna values a welcoming, supportive, and safe community that fosters mutual respect, understanding, and belonging; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, June 19, 2026, Gahanna's Juneteenth Celebration will return for its second year in collaboration with the Creekside Blues & Jazz Festival at Creekside Park, bringing residents and visitors together through music, dance, spoken word, education, and community connection; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Juneteenth Celebration will honor African American history and culture through performances, storytelling, fellowship, and shared experiences that celebrate freedom, culture, and community.

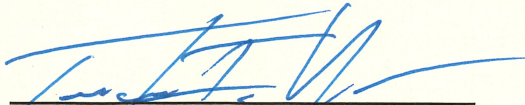
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT JOINTLY RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL AND PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the Council and Mayor hereby recognize Juneteenth, June 19, 2026, in the City of Gahanna and commend the individuals and organizations working to advance unity, understanding, and community connection.

Section 2. That the Council and Mayor encourage all residents and visitors to participate in the 2026 Juneteenth Celebration and continue engaging in efforts that promote inclusion, understanding, and a stronger, more connected Gahanna community.

Section 3. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

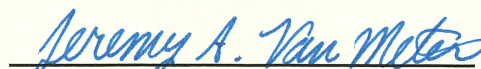
President


Trenton I. Weaver

Date

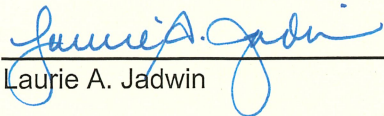
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Attest by

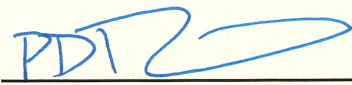

Jeremy A. VanMeter
Clerk of Council

Date

6/1/2026

Approved by the Mayor 
Laurie A. Jadwin

Date 6.1.2026

Approved as to Form 
Priya D. Tamilarasan
City Attorney

Date 6/1/26

At a regular meeting of the City Council on June 1, 2026, a motion was made by Jones, seconded by Renner, that the Resolution be Adopted. The vote was as follows:

Ms. Bowers, yes; Ms. Jones, yes; Ms. McGregor, yes; Ms. Padova, yes;
Mr. Renner, yes; Mr. Schnetzer, yes; Mr. Weaver, yes.