



Gahanna

## *Proclamation*

### GAHANNA SANCTUARY DAY

*September 27, 2020*

**WHEREAS:** The Gahanna Sanctuary, located at 82 N. High Street in Creekside Gahanna, was constructed in 1895 as Peace Lutheran Church, replacing the original church built in 1838 on Johnstown Road; and

**WHEREAS:** The original church was dismantled, and the bricks were used in construction of The Gahanna Sanctuary, which was built at a cost of \$8,200. Originally, the pipe organ was pumped by hand, as electric current was not yet available in the area; and

**WHEREAS:** Peace Lutheran Church held religious services in the building until 1965, when it was sold to a private owner; and

**WHEREAS:** The Olde Gahanna Sanctuary, as it was formerly known, was created in 1981 as a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization to maintain the historic portion of the building; and

**WHEREAS:** The building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1987 because of its two significant architectural features: approximately 450 sq. ft. of Tudor-style stained glass windows, and the Gothic Revival-style bell tower; and

**WHEREAS:** The Gahanna Sanctuary, as it is currently known, continues to be a center for activities by welcoming worthy community groups with laudable purposes to use the facility free of charge for a variety of important needs; and

**WHEREAS:** 2020 marks the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the construction of the historic portion of the Gahanna Sanctuary; and

**WHEREAS:** Gahanna Sanctuary Trustees have a full day of celebratory activities planned to remember and reminisce about the facility as it once was, and to christen the Sanctuary's future as a beautiful and unique event venue that highlights Gahanna's proud history; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, encourage all Gahanna citizens to recognize and remember the important role of the Gahanna Sanctuary in our City's past and in its future, and do hereby proclaim September 27, 2020, as

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, to be affixed on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty.



  
Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor