



Gahanna

Proclamation

STEVE NYE DAY

August 14, 2021

WHEREAS: On June 26, 2021, long-time Gahanna resident and community leader, Steve Nye, passed away from pancreatic cancer after a valiant and courageous battle; and

WHEREAS: A beloved husband to his wife, Juli, a loving father to their three daughters, Lauren, Victoria and Alexandra, dedicated brother, and treasured friend to many, Steve dedicated his life to building a community-focused, athlete-first culture in the Gahanna and Central Ohio swimming communities; and

WHEREAS: Steve was the head coach of Greater Columbus Swim Team of Ohio (GCSTO) for over 40 years, during which time he worked with and supported thousands of Gahanna children and youths, not only teaching them the skills of swimming, but also lifetime skills that will lead them in cultivating relationships and pursuing their dreams; and

WHEREAS: Steve was awarded Ohio Swimming Senior Coach of the Year eight times, coached more than 40 U.S. Senior National Qualifiers, 54 Junior National Qualifiers, 20 U.S. Olympic Trial Qualifiers, 20 World ranked swimmers, and two Olympians; and

WHEREAS: Through his work with GCSTO, Steve closely partnered with the Gahanna Department of Parks & Recreation, assisting in managing and operating the Gahanna Sea Lions at the Gahanna Swimming Pool to create an additional swim team option for the Gahanna community, and coordinated swim lessons at both the Gahanna Swimming Pool and Hunters Ridge Pool to benefit Gahanna residents; and

WHEREAS: As host of the multi-day Creekside Blues & Jazz Fest Swim Meet, Steve positively impacted the Gahanna business community by attracting hundreds of swimmers and their families to Gahanna annually; and

WHEREAS: Steve's passion for people impacted lives far beyond Gahanna's reach through his coordination of Buddy Camp with Nationwide Children's Hospital, which provided swim lessons to individuals on the autism spectrum at Gahanna Swimming Pool, and his supporting efforts with such organizations as World Wildlife Fund, Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; and

WHEREAS: Steve's often said statement that, "The key to life isn't to think outside the box, but rather to realize that there is no box!" is reflective of the positive attitude and genuine encouragement that he freely shared, using his passion for swimming as a vehicle to share his passion for helping people.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laurie A. Jackwin, Mayor of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, ask Gahanna citizens to join in recognizing and honoring the memory of Steve Nye and his dedication and selfless commitment to Gahanna children and youth, and do hereby proclaim August 14, 2021, as

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have herunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, to be affixed on this 2nd day of August in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-One.


Laurie A. Jackwin, Mayor

