

## GAHANNA HERB WEEK May 1-7, 2022

**WHEREAS:** National Herb Week was established by the International Herb Association in 1991 to celebrate and raise awareness of the benefits of herbs, herbal uses and herbal businesses; and

**WHEREAS:** Beauty, fragrance and nutrition are added to our lives through the growing of herbs, which helps to promote a healthy lifestyle that can last a lifetime; and

WHEREAS: During the late 1800s and early 1900s, Gahanna residents became famous for the quality and quantity of herbs that they grew, leading residents to eventually begin calling the city the "Herb Capital of Ohio"; and

WHEREAS: In 1972, Gahanna resident Jane "Bunnie" Geroux, with the aid of Jo Ann Davidson (who later became Ohio's first female Speaker of the House), advocated to have the title adopted for our city, leading the Ohio General Assembly to pass a resolution officially declaring Gahanna the "Herb Capital of Ohio"; and

WHEREAS: To celebrate Gahanna's past and its unique designation as Ohio's Herb Capital, Herb Day is held each year in May in the City's Creekside District and features a sale of more than 5,000 live plants and hundreds of varieties of fresh, organic herbs, presentations by herbal experts on health and wellness, culinary, and gardening subjects, and food and retail vendors offering all-things-herbal; and

WHEREAS: The City of Gahanna has further embraced its special designation through its creation of the Geroux Herb Gardens and the Ohio Herb Center, which offers programming geared to educating and entertaining residents and visitors on the benefits and uses of herbs; and

WHEREAS: In celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the City of Gahanna's designation as the "Herb Capital of Ohio," Gahanna residents can enjoy special herbal-themed events, including Visit Gahanna's Herb'n Restaurant Week, Herb Day, the Herb n' Arts Fair (presented by the GLHS Community Art class), and Visit Gahanna's unique Herbal Cocktail Trail; and

**WHEREAS:** The City of Gahanna's designation as the "Herb Capital of Ohio" has had an immeasurable positive impact on our community, uniquely connecting residents, businesses and visitors.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, urge Gahanna citizens to celebrate this milestone anniversary of our City's special designation and to recognize the important role that this designation has in our city's history and in making Gahanna a unique and special place to call home, and do hereby proclaim May 1-7, 2022, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two.

Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor