

Proclamation

NATIONAL TRAVEL & TOURISM WEEK

MAY 1-7, 2022

WHEREAS: National Travel & Tourism Week is an annual tradition for the U.S. travel community to celebrate the value travel holds for our economy, businesses, communities, and personal wellbeing; and

WHEREAS: The past two years have been the hardest period ever faced by the travel industry, with lengthy closures, lost revenue due to restrictions, record job loss, hiring challenges, and uncertainty and anxiety; and

WHEREAS: A robust travel industry provides significant economic benefits for the nation, generating more than \$2.6 trillion nationwide in economic output in 2019; and

WHEREAS: Travel has been the foundation of a healthy workforce, serving as one of the largest private-sector employers in the U.S., supporting 17 million jobs in 2019; and

WHEREAS: In Ohio, tourism is a major economic driver for the State, generating \$38 billion in economic impact and supporting 378,000 jobs statewide in 2021; and

WHEREAS: Spending by travelers aids state and local governments alike, generating state and local tax revenue that support essential services and jobs; and

WHEREAS: The Gahanna Convention & Visitors Bureau (also known as Visit Gahanna) plays a vital role in generating economic impact for our local economy, driving visitors and their spending dollars to our local businesses through marketing and promotion efforts and event production; and

WHEREAS: The success of the travel industry will foster a faster recovery for our economy and aid in rebuilding our workforce, driving us toward a more prosperous future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, urge Gahanna citizens to recognize and support the value of the travel and tourism industry to our local, state and national economy and as a driver of success for Gahanna's small business owners, and do hereby proclaim the week of 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 2nd day of May in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two.

Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor