

## Proclamation Inarae & Rick Harter 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary June 16, 2022

**WHEREAS:** Inarae and Rick Harter met at a AGR fraternity pledge party at Ohio State University; and

WHEREAS: Upon learning that Inarae was a farmer's daughter on their first date, Rick exclaimed that he had always wanted to marry a farmer's daughter, leading Inarae to immediately step back about 20 yards; and

WHEREAS: Inarae and Rick were married on June 16, 1957, at her church in Wakeman, Ohio; and

WHEREAS: Four days after their wedding, Inarae and Rick left for Officer Basic Training in Fort Sill, Oklahoma, with Rick serving in the U.S. Army until December 11, 1957; and

WHEREAS: In 1965, Inarae and Rick settled their family in Gahanna, Ohio, where their children grew up and attended Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools; and

**WHEREAS:** Family trips to Hocking Hills, visiting Ohio wineries, and trying new restaurants around town have been favorite pastimes and memories for Inarae and Rick; and

WHEREAS: Inarae and Rick are long-time members of Mifflin Presbyterian Church, where Inarae has spent many years baking cookies for programs and events; and

WHEREAS: 17 years ago, Rick established a program through which processed deer meet is donated to Faith Mission, with nearly 15,000 pounds donated through 2021; and

WHEREAS: The couple remains very active and fit, as Inarae walks two to three times a day, while Rick enjoys chopping firewood, playing golf, fishing and hunting; and

WHEREAS: For 65 years, Inarae and Rick Harter have been wonderful parents to Judy, Eric, Laura and Shawn, proud grandparents of Zachary, Kyle, Benjamen, Nicole, Janelle, Nina, Malcolm and Noah, and doting great-grandparents to Raleigh, Hadley and Kylee, offering constant love and support for their family – who has loved them well in return.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, urge Gahanna residents to join me in recognizing and congratulating Inarae and Rick Harter on their 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and do hereby proclaim June 16, 2022, as

## **INARAE & RICK HARTER DAY**



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, to be affixed on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two.

Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor