



Gahanna

Proclamation

NATIONAL IMPAIRED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH

DECEMBER 2022

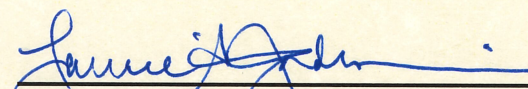
- WHEREAS:** National Impaired Driving Prevention Month has been observed for over 40 years to raise awareness that impaired driving can be deadly, and to put strategies in place for all of us to make it home safely; and
- WHEREAS:** The holidays are known for being merry and bright, but they also are the deadliest season for impaired driving; and
- WHEREAS:** For the past 20 years, drivers with a blood alcohol concentration at or above the legal limit of 0.08 have accounted for one-third of all traffic fatalities in the U.S., which equates to more than 10,000 lives lost each year; and
- WHEREAS:** 44% of drivers in fatal crashes tested positive for two or more substances, most often THC (Tetrahydrocannabinol) and alcohol; and
- WHEREAS:** In addition to alcohol, other factors such as illicit drugs, over-the-counter and prescription medicines, fatigue, and stress can impair driving by causing drowsiness, altering visual functions, and affecting mental judgment and motor skills; and
- WHEREAS:** Impaired driving not only puts the driver at risk, but also endangers the lives and safety of passengers and others sharing the road; and
- WHEREAS:** Throughout 2021, there were 39 OVI (Operating a Vehicle Impaired) crashes in the City of Gahanna, with 26 such crashes recorded from January through November 2022, and the Gahanna Division of Police made 147 OVI arrests in 2021, compared to 157 through November 2022; and
- WHEREAS:** The City of Gahanna calls upon all residents to take personal responsibility this holiday season, and throughout the year, by making plans for a safe ride home before your celebrations begin by designating a non-drinking or unimpaired driver, or by using a rideshare app.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, urge our citizens to make responsible decisions and take appropriate measure to reduce the incidence of impaired driving, and do hereby proclaim December 2022 as

NATIONAL IMPAIRED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, to be affixed on this 5th day of December in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two.



Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor