



CITY OF GAHANNA  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

*Proclamation*  
*In Honor and Appreciation of*  
*Reverend Joel L. King, Jr.*

*January 21, 2020*

**WHEREAS:** On this day, the City of Gahanna is proud to remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. for changing our Nation forever through his leadership, service, compassion, and clarity of vision; and

**WHEREAS:** Gahanna resident, Rev. Joel L. King, Jr. was ordained by his father, the Rev. Joel L. King, Sr., who is the brother of Dr. Martin Luther King, Sr. Rev. King, Jr. has served thousands through the Christian ministry for more than 35 years; and

**WHEREAS:** Rev. King has served with a number of churches and organizations including the Jerusalem Second Baptist Church in Urbana, OH as Pastor; an Associate Minister of the Mount Hermon Baptist Church of Mansfield, OH; Union Grove Baptist Church, Columbus, OH; the Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission; the Board of Trustees of the Crittenton Family Services; Columbus NAACP; an Ohio Representative on the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Advisory Committee in Atlanta; and was appointed Chaplain of the Columbus Fire and Police Departments, just to mention a few; and

**WHEREAS:** During his ministry, Rev. King has continued Dr. King's legacy and encouraged all to "love everybody and respect everybody, because we're going to need everybody"; and

**WHEREAS:** In March 2001, Rev. King was appointed Chaplain for the Gahanna Division of Police, and the City of Gahanna wishes to recognize the Rev. Joel L. King, Jr. for ministering to Gahanna and Central Ohio; and

**WHEREAS:** As we observe Dr. King's birthday, the City of Gahanna encourages all Americans to celebrate his memory by performing acts of kindness through service to others in the framework of compassion.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor of the City of Gahanna, Ohio do hereby recognize and honor the Rev. Joel L. King, Jr. for his outstanding leadership and dedication, and proclaim January 21, 2020, as

*Reverend Joel L. King, Jr. Day*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, to be affixed on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty.



Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor