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WHEREAS, small cities and towns under 50,000 population constitute the vast majority of municipalities across the United States; and

WHEREAS, small cities and towns provide opportunities which allow millions of people across America to lead better lives; and

WHEREAS, small cities and towns invest in their communities through the provision of services and programs which improve the quality of life for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the federal government is a partner in investing in small cities and towns, and must be encouraged to continue to support programs and legislation to strengthen communities; and

WHEREAS, state governments are partners in investing in small cities and towns, and must also be encouraged to continue to support programs and legislation to strengthen communities; and

WHEREAS, organizations, businesses, and citizens are partners in investing in small cities and towns, and must be encouraged to continue to support efforts that make their communities better places in which to live; and

WHEREAS, during these challenging economic times, the need for a renewed intergovernmental partnership to support essential public services in more important than ever; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors and the Small Cities Council of the National League of Cities have declared June 20, 2003, as National Small Cities and Towns Day; and

WHEREAS, the Small Cities Council of the National League of Cities has challenged all cities, towns, and villages across America to proclaim June 20, 2003 as National Small Cities and Towns Day, and to conduct activities on that day which highlight the different ways in which the federal government, state governments, organizations,

businesses, and citizens partner with small cities and towns to invest in their communities and better the lives of all citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council do hereby proclaim Friday, June 20, 2003, as National Small Cities and Towns Day, and encourages President Bush, Congress, state governments, organizations, businesses, and all citizens to recognize this event, and to work together on this day and throughout the year to invest in small cities and towns to better the lives of all citizens.

Section 2. That this resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon passage by this Council.