



## Legislation Text

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### A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUNE 1-7, 2023, AS NATIONAL CPR AND AED AWARENESS WEEK

**WHEREAS**, in 2007, the American Heart Association, in coalition with the American Red Cross and the National Safety Council, worked collaboratively to designate a national CPR and AED Awareness Week; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 13, 2007, Congress unanimously passed a resolution to set aside June 1-7 of each year as National CPR and AED Awareness Week to spotlight how lives can be saved if more Americans knew CPR and how to use an AED; and

**WHEREAS**, knowing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) techniques or knowing how to properly use an automated external defibrillator (AED) can be the difference between life and death for those who have experienced sudden medical emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, a cardiac arrest can occur anywhere, and it only takes up to four to six minutes without oxygen for the brain to experience damage, and therefore the time of response and proper execution of these measures are crucial in potentially saving many lives around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Foundation, up to 356,000 cardiac arrests occur in the US each year, with 90% of these instances proving fatal, and CPR and AEDs are useful in helping people who have suffered ailments such as cardiac arrests, asthma attacks, diabetes, strokes, and allergic reactions; and

**WHEREAS**, National CPR and AED Awareness Week runs from June 1 - 7, 2023, and aims to stress the importance of these lifesaving actions to as many people as possible; and

**WHEREAS**, the actions of bystanders often play an important role in helping deal with such emergencies, and the knowledge of these methods; and

**WHEREAS**, learning and mastering CPR techniques and proper AED use so that they can become lifelines for those who have experienced sudden medical emergencies is an honorable and caring thing to do; and

**WHEREAS**, all City of Gahanna Parks & Recreation staff are currently certified in First Aid, CPR, and AED usage, and the Division of Police is currently working to secure AEDs for all police cruisers to provide enhanced health and safety benefits for the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gahanna encourages members of the community to become certified through programming offered by the City or another community partner.

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

**Section 1.** That this Council does hereby recognize June 1 - 7, 2023, as CPR and AED Awareness Week for the City of Gahanna.

**Section 2.** That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect at the earliest period allowed by law.