



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA CONDEMNING INTIMIDATION AND VIOLENCE, REAFFIRMING EQUALITY UNDER THE LAW, AND COMMITTING TO REVIVING CIVILITY.

WHEREAS, members of the City Council of the City of Gahanna serve on the representative body for all residents of the City; and,

WHEREAS, we believe that important functions of society are to share and create knowledge, explore ideas, and welcome diverse opinions in an atmosphere that is civil and safe for all Ohioans; and,

WHEREAS, the Preamble to the Constitution of the United States sets forth our commitment to forming an interconnected union that prioritizes justice, domestic tranquility, our common defense, the general welfare of all, and liberty; and,

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence, in creating a nascent Union, holds that all of us are created equal and endowed by their creator with inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and,

WHEREAS, we reiterate that our community is strong because of our steadfast commitment to strive to be inclusive and affirming for people and ideas from all corners of our society and all around the world; and,

WHEREAS, there are reports of mental, physical, and verbal assaults on people of all ages at institutions across the country, including in central Ohio and in Gahanna; and,

WHEREAS, we believe that the promises set forth in the founding documents of the United States of America cannot be fulfilled when some intimidate or instigate violence against others and if civil discourse becomes untenable; and,

WHEREAS, Revive Civility Ohio, a nonpartisan initiative spurred by The National Institute for Civil Discourse was launched in 2017 as part of a national effort to decrease polarization and strengthen communities through civil discourse; and,

WHEREAS, Revive Civility Ohio, chaired by Former Ohio Supreme Court Justice Yvette McGee Brown and Current Speaker of the Ohio House Bob Cupp, seeks to engage elected representatives to foster respectful and truthful dialogues, model civility and kindness, and encourage community conversations that bring together people of diverse viewpoints on social and political issues.

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

Section 1. That we stand united, both in spite of and as a result of the differences among us, in our call to revive civility in discourse, to listen with compassion, to hold accountable those who fail to meet these standards, to welcome a range of perspectives and ideas, and to champion the rights of all people to equality under the law.

Section 2. That the members of the Council of the City of Gahanna do hereby recognize and commit to the ideals that affirm the City of Gahanna as a Revive Civility Community.

Section 3. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect at the earliest period allowed by law.