



## *Proclamation*

### **NATIONAL SENIOR CITIZENS DAY**

***August 21, 2023***

**WHEREAS:** On August 19, 1988, President Ronald Reagan declared August 21<sup>st</sup> as “National Senior Citizens Day” to honor senior citizens in the U.S. and give back to older adults who have positively impacted our lives, values, community and society; and

**WHEREAS:** National Senior Citizens Day recognizes the achievements of the senior representatives of our nation, acknowledges and celebrates the tremendous contributions they make to the life and vibrancy of our city, and shows our appreciation for their dedication, accomplishments and services; and

**WHEREAS:** According to the U.S. Census Bureau’s 2020 population estimates, there are 55.7 million residents ages 65 and older in our country, and that number is expected to nearly double by 2060. Their wealth of knowledge, skill, and experience offer much to the next generation, and they deserve the respect and dignity their achievements earn them; and

**WHEREAS:** Improved healthcare has enabled our senior citizens to contribute more years of productivity than ever before, allowing many to seek second and third careers and serve as role models for younger generations; and

**WHEREAS:** Our senior citizens are pioneers of science, medicine, psychology, civil rights and much more, and their valuable contributions to our communities create better places to live; and

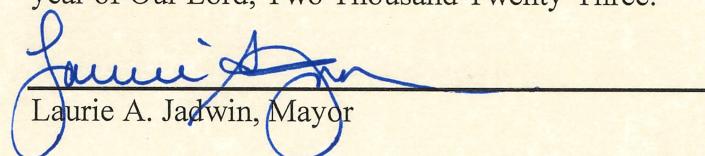
**WHEREAS:** We can best show our thanks and gratitude by ensuring that the City of Gahanna offers a positive environment in which to mature and grow older, where our citizens can participate to the fullest and find encouragement, acceptance, assistance, and the services they need to continue to lead full lives with independence and dignity.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, honor the senior members of our community and encourage all Gahanna citizens to recognize, celebrate and honor the many accomplishments of our seniors and the contributions they have made and continue to make to our city, and do hereby proclaim August 21, 2023, as

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

  
Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor