



# Gahanna

## *Proclamation*

### **BLEEDING DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH**

**MARCH 2024**

**WHEREAS:** Inheritable blood and bleeding disorders include hemophilia and von Willebrand's Disease; and

**WHEREAS:** The symptoms of inheritable blood and bleeding disorders vary from person to person and can include prolonged bleeding, excessive or unexplained bruising, frequent nosebleeds, heavy menstrual cycles, and other symptoms; and

**WHEREAS:** Volunteers, researchers, caregivers, and medical professionals are working to improve the quality of life for persons and families living with inheritable blood and bleeding disorders; and

**WHEREAS:** Increased research, education, and support services are needed to find more effective and affordable treatments and to provide access to quality care to those living with these diseases today; and

**WHEREAS:** Platelets, which are cells that help to stop bleeding by clumping and forming plugs (clots) in blood vessels, are collected when people donate blood and are often used for patients with blood clotting issues or bleeding disorders; and

**WHEREAS:** To generate awareness on these disorders, four seniors at Gahanna Lincoln High School have initiated the "Savealife.hosa" campaign to educate others on the importance of blood donation, influence people to take the initiative to donate blood, and fund blood centers such as Versiti and The American Red Cross; and

**WHEREAS:** Through the Savealife.hosa campaign, the group has collected a total of 63 units of blood, which can impact over 189 lives, and is planning to hold a community blood drive in Gahanna on March 8; and

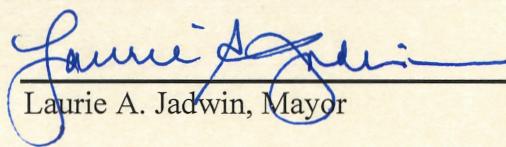
**WHEREAS:** The City of Gahanna commends the work of Marleigh McFarland, Asa Mattson, Samantha York, and Annabella Zingale in highlighting the importance of blood donation to those afflicted by these diseases, and encourages Gahanna citizens to support their efforts by participating in the March 8 Gahanna blood drive.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, expresses its gratitude to Marleigh McFarland, Asa Mattson, Samantha York, and Annabella Zingale for their work in support of those afflicted with bleeding disorders, and do hereby proclaim the month of March 2024 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four.



Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor