



## *Proclamation*

### ***ALL R FRIENDS DAY***

***APRIL 12, 2023***

**WHEREAS:** In 1987, President Ronald Reagan declared March as “National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month” to encourage and provide opportunities for our fellow citizens with developmental disabilities to achieve their full potential, and to bring awareness to the barriers they still face in connecting to the communities in which they live; and

**WHEREAS:** Individuals with developmental disabilities are of all racial, ethnic, educational, social, and economic backgrounds, and are all valued members of society who find fulfillment living everyday lives; and

**WHEREAS:** Since 2008, all R friends has provided support to individuals with developmental disabilities and grown to become a premier Central Ohio provider of day support, supported living services, and job training and placement support for adults with disabilities beyond high school; and

**WHEREAS:** The mission and vision of “all R friends” are inspired by Ralphie George, the younger brother of CEO and Founder Kathy Cook, whose big heart and love for life and people were not challenged by his disabilities, but grew from them; and

**WHEREAS:** Through its location in the City of Gahanna, all R friends not only has invested in our community, but also has invested in our people in every way possible, by providing caring and compassionate support, guidance, education and friendship, helping individuals with disabilities to find employment, and to live more independently; and

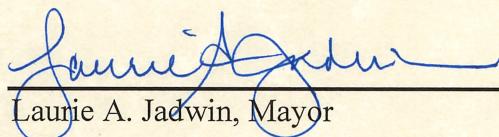
**WHEREAS:** The City of Gahanna is grateful to the staff of all R friends for their leadership in exemplifying selfless and caring concern for our neighbors and friends, and wish them many more years of continued growth and success in their service to others.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, honor and recognize the contributions of individuals with developmental disabilities and the accomplishments of all R friends in empowering them to achieve independence and full potential, and do hereby proclaim April 12, 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three.

  
Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor