



In the Name and by the Authority of

# THE STATE OF OHIO



**WHEREAS**, nearly 2 million Ohioans have a mental health condition; and

**WHEREAS**, 478,000 adult Ohioans have a serious mental illness; and

**WHEREAS**, one in five U.S. adults experiences mental illness each year; and

**WHEREAS**, more than half of Americans report that the COVID-19 pandemic has had a negative impact on their mental health; and

**WHEREAS**, mental health conditions are real and prevalent in society; and

**WHEREAS**, mental health is an essential part of overall health; and

**WHEREAS**, it is more important than ever to build a strong mental health system that provides quality and person-centered care, support, and services for all Ohioans; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Ohio will continue to promote efforts to eradicate harmful stigmas that can keep people from seeking help for mental health concerns and illness; and

**WHEREAS**, with effective prevention, treatment, and recovery supports, Ohioans with mental health conditions can recover and lead healthy, fulfilling lives;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, We, **Mike DeWine and Jon Husted**, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize May 2022 as

## MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2022.

Mike DeWine  
Governor



Jon Husted  
Lieutenant Governor