



In the Name and by the Authority of

# THE STATE OF OHIO



**WHEREAS**, the number of grandparents and kinship caregivers who are raising their grandchildren and other relative children is increasing and in Ohio, many children are fortunate to be cared for by their grandparents or kinship caregivers when their parents are unable to care for them; and

**WHEREAS**, in Ohio, more than 297,000 children under the age of 18 live in homes where the caregivers are relatives other than their parents, and of these, more than 189,000 live with grandparents; and

**WHEREAS**, 85,000 children live in the homes of their grandparents who are responsible for their care and 45,000 have cared for their grandchildren for five years or more; and

**WHEREAS**, we honor and recognize the grandparents and other kinship caregivers who raise children in kinship care, ensure their safety and well-being, and provide a stable household for these young people to thrive; and

**WHEREAS**, we commend Ohio's supportive statewide network that is increasing awareness of resources available to grandparents and kinship caregivers; these include the state and county agencies serving these caregivers, the Ohio Grandparent Kinship Coalition, Ohio Kinship and Adoption Navigator Program, the Ohio Federation for Health Equity and Social Justice, the Public Children Services Association of Ohio, the Ohio Family Care Association, Kinship Caregivers Connect, and other kinship navigator programs;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, We, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor, and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize September 2024 as

## GRANDPARENT/KINSHIP MONTH

On the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2024.

Mike DeWine  
Governor



Jon Husted  
Lieutenant Governor