

In the Name and by the Authority of
**THE STATE OF
OHIO**



WHEREAS, according to the United States Census Bureau, the number of grandparents and kinship caregivers raising their grandchildren and other relative children continues to grow, and many Ohio children benefit from the care of these relatives when their parents are unable to care for them; and

WHEREAS, more than 230,000 children in Ohio are estimated to be living in kinship households and of these, more than 189,000 live with grandparents; and

WHEREAS, 39,000 grandparents have cared for their grandchildren for five years or more; and

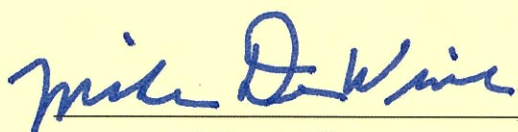
WHEREAS, we honor and recognize the grandparents and other kinship caregivers who raise children in kinship care, ensure their safety and well-being, and provide a stable household for these young people to thrive; and

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;

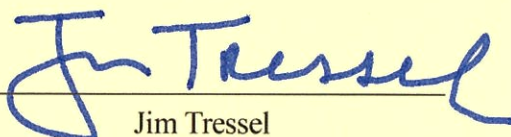
NOW, THEREFORE, we, *Mike DeWine and Jim Tressel*, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize September 2026 as

GRANDPARENT/KINSHIP MONTH

on this 1st day of September 2026;



Mike DeWine
Governor



Jim Tressel
Lieutenant Governor