



In the Name and by the Authority of

# THE STATE OF OHIO



**WHEREAS**, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, launched on June 15, 2006, is an opportunity to take action to protect older people by raising awareness about elder abuse, why it occurs, and what we can do to stop it; and

**WHEREAS**, elder abuse is an injustice that affects as many as 1 in 10 Americans, with cases still widely unreported; and

**WHEREAS**, by the year 2030, it is estimated that Ohioans aged 60 and older will make up more than one quarter of the state's total population; and

**WHEREAS**, an average of 125 referrals are received by Adult Protective Services in Ohio each day; from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, there were 45,597 referrals of alleged abuse, neglect, and exploitation involving Ohioans aged 60 and older; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services works with other adult protective services advocates and professionals to support inter-disciplinary collaboration, raise awareness, and serve vulnerable older adults in danger of abuse, neglect, or exploitation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Department of Aging and the Office of the State of Ohio Long-Term Care Ombudsman provide programs, resources, and advocacy for individuals and caregivers to allow older adults to live free of abuse, neglect, exploitation, and maltreatment;

**NOW, THEREFORE, We, Mike DeWine and Jim Tressel, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio**, do hereby recognize

## ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026.

Mike DeWine  
Governor



Jim Tressel  
Lieutenant Governor