

WHEREAS, Ohio has more than 2.8 million residents age 60 or older who account for nearly one quarter of our total population; and

WHEREAS, older Ohioans enrich our lives with their wisdom, passion, and experience; and

WHEREAS, in its mission to make Ohio the best place to age in the nation, the Ohio Department of Aging is redefining what it means to age by pioneering programs and solutions to bring people together; and

WHEREAS, through programs and innovations like Ohio's Long-Term Care Quality Navigator and the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program, Ohio is investing in ways for older adults to receive better quality of care and have a higher quality of life; and

WHEREAS, through community outreach and educational initiatives, the Ohio Department of Commerce is taking proactive measures to make older Ohioans aware of new and emerging scams that can threaten their financial security and well-being, while investigating those bad actors who prey on the vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, through the adult protective service program, works to ensure older Ohioans in the community live free from abuse, neglect, and exploitation; and

WHEREAS, the state of Ohio continues to build spaces for older adults to gather and emboldens older Ohioans to remain healthy and active contributors to their communities well past retirement age; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with this year's theme of "Flip the Script on Aging," we know that Ohio encourages our older adults to challenge stereotypes and dispel misconceptions;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, Mike DeWine and Jim Tressel, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize May 2025 as

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH AND OLDER OHIOANS MONTH

on this 1st day of May 2025.

Mike DeWine Governor Jim Tressel Lieutenant Governor