In the Name and by the Authority of

THE STATE OF OHIO

WHEREAS, the state of Ohio hereby recognizes September as Ohio Preparedness Month to highlight the importance of preparedness on the part of all Ohio citizens in the event of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Preparedness Month will encourage Ohioans to be proactive in preparing for a possible disaster, recognizing resilience and communication as essential parts of safer communities; and

WHEREAS, the theme of Ohio Preparedness Month 2026 is, "Prepare Your Family;" and

WHEREAS, investing in the preparedness of all Ohio families, businesses, and communities helps to reduce injuries and fatalities across our communities, our state, and our nation; and

WHEREAS, throughout the Ohio Emergency Management Agency's preparedness campaign, other federal, state, local, private, and volunteer agencies will also be working to promote public awareness to prepare for and respond to emergencies; and

WHEREAS, during the month of September, all Ohioans are encouraged to become educated about and prepare for potential disasters, by visiting Ohio EMA for information on making emergency plans, building disaster supply kits, and knowing risks; and

WHEREAS, all Ohio citizens and businesses are encouraged to develop or update their emergency preparedness plans and collaborate for the purpose of building a more resilient community; and

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

OHIO PREPAREDNESS MONTH

on this 1st day of September 2026.

Mike DeWine
Governor

Jim Tressel
Lieutenant Governor