

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 age 60 and older will make up more than one quarter (26.3 percent) of the state's total population; and

**WHEREAS**, on average, over 100 referrals are received by Adult Protective Services in Ohio each day; from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, there were 38,026 referrals of alleged abuse, neglect, and exploitation involving Ohioans 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, and exploitation.

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

## WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024

Mike DeWine  
Governor



Jon Husted  
Lieutenant Governor