

In the Name and by the Authority of

THE STATE OF OHIO



WHEREAS, more than 2.1 million Ohioans have a mental health condition; and

WHEREAS, 575,000 Ohioans have a serious mental illness; and

WHEREAS, one in five U.S. adults experiences mental illness each year; and

WHEREAS, mental health conditions are real and prevalent in society; and

WHEREAS, mental health is an essential part of overall health; and

WHEREAS, it is more important than ever to build a strong mental health system that provides quality and person-centered care, support, and services for all Ohioans; and

WHEREAS, the state of Ohio will continue to promote efforts to eradicate harmful stigmas that can keep people from seeking help for mental health concerns and illnesses; and

WHEREAS, with effective prevention, treatment and recovery supports, Ohioans with mental health conditions can recover and lead healthy, fulfilling lives;

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

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

on this 1st day of May 2026.

Mike DeWine
Governor



Jim Tressel
Lieutenant Governor