

In the Name and by the Authority of
**THE STATE OF
OHIO**



WHEREAS, domestic violence, or family violence, can happen to anyone of any race, age, ability, sexual orientation, religion, nationality or gender; it crosses all socio-economic boundaries; and

WHEREAS, of law enforcement who provided complete crime statistics for 2025, there were 72,386 offenses of domestic violence reported in Ohio; and national research suggests that for every reported incident, there is another that goes unreported; and

WHEREAS, over 9,486 victims were sheltered by domestic violence programs across Ohio in 2025, including 4,377 children; and there were 157 domestic violence related homicides; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact of domestic violence in Ohio is approximately \$1.2 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, the “Barbara Warner Workplace Domestic Violence Policy” under Executive Order 2019-09D demonstrates the State’s commitment to partnering with all State agencies, boards and commissions to foster safe working environments, while also working with State employees to prevent abuse, harassment and discrimination that may be part of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, communities, businesses, local governments, law enforcement and individuals are called upon to help stop violence in homes, schools, and workplaces across the state; and

WHEREAS, advocates of all disciplines need to provide coordinated services to improve services for victims and their children, increase public understanding of domestic violence, and work to make our communities healthier and safer.; and

WHEREAS, to raise awareness about domestic violence, the state of Ohio is participating in the 39th Annual National Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

NOW, THEREFORE, we, *Mike DeWine and Jim Tressel*, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize the month of October as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

on this 1st day of October 2026;



Mike DeWine
Governor



Jim Tressel
Lieutenant Governor