



In the Name and by the Authority of

# THE STATE OF OHIO



**WHEREAS**, in 2022, 4,915 Ohioans died from unintentional drug overdoses; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio, like most of the nation has been impacted by overdose deaths; and the number of unintentional drug overdose deaths in Ohio continues to be driven by fentanyl, often in combination with other drugs; and

**WHEREAS**, moments after taking the oath of office, Governor Mike DeWine signed an executive order creating the RecoveryOhio initiative to ensure that all state agencies act aggressively to address the crisis of substance use disorder and to invest in the health and well-being of Ohio's citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, since then, RecoveryOhio has been working hard to create a system to help make treatment available to Ohioans in need, provide support services for those in recovery and their families, offer direction for the state's prevention and education efforts, and partner with local law enforcement to provide resources to fight illicit drugs at the source; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohioans can help prevent overdose deaths by being aware of the signs and knowing how to respond; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Mike DeWine signed Senate Bill 30 on June 8, 2021, designating Ohio Overdose Awareness Day on August 31 each year to remember people lost to overdose and to encourage action to prevent those deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio continues to make progress in preventing overdose deaths, as seen in the number of unintentional overdose deaths in 2022 decreasing by 5% from the year prior; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio Overdose Awareness Day is an opportunity for all Ohioans to stand beside those who have lost loved ones to an overdose and those who have a substance use disorder and are working toward recovery;

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

## OHIO OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 2024.

Mike DeWine  
Governor



Jon Husted  
Lieutenant Governor