

In the Name and by the Authority of

THE STATE OF

OHIO



**WHEREAS**, good fathering and co-parenting during infancy, childhood, and adolescence contributes to emotional security and has overwhelmingly positive psychological and economic benefits for children, families, communities, our state, and our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, positive father involvement in the lives of a partner and children reduces infant mortality, decreases the need for children services intervention, and increases kindergarten readiness; and

**WHEREAS**, strong families are the foundation of thriving communities, which are essential as we address social ills like addiction, teen pregnancy, teen crime, and school dropouts; and

**WHEREAS**, the celebration of Father's Day is a time to recognize fathers including those who are biological, father figures, foster, or adoptive parents; they deserve our honor, care, appreciation and thanks for their love, support, and the vital parental role they play in helping their children realize big dreams; and

**WHEREAS**, every child deserves a chance to reach his full potential, and the Department of Children and Youth aims to promote positive outcomes for Ohio youth through early intervention, quality education, and family support programs; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the state of Ohio, the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood strives to promote positive fathering and co-parenting; showcase providers of fatherhood resources and services; increase public awareness of the crucial role of fathers; encourage Ohioans to discover more about fatherhood concerns; and show support for the many individuals and organizations that help fathers be better parents, partners, and providers; and

**WHEREAS**, <https://fatherhood.ohio.gov> provides additional information about how Ohio supports fathers and fatherhood organizations;

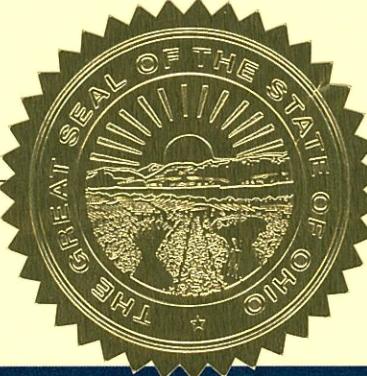
**NOW, THEREFORE**, We, Mike DeWine and Jim Tressel, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize June 2025 as

## RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD MONTH

on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 2025.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike DeWine".

Mike DeWine  
Governor



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Tressel".

Jim Tressel  
Lieutenant Governor