

WHEREAS, Ohio has more than 2.8 million residents age 60 or older, who account for nearly one quarter of our total population; and

WHEREAS, older Ohioans enrich our lives with their wisdom, passion, and experience; and

WHEREAS, in its mission to make Ohio the best place to age in the nation, the Ohio Department of Aging is redefining what it means to age by pioneering programs and solutions to bring people together; and

WHEREAS, in alignment with Ohio's 2023-2026 State Plan on Aging, and through innovative initiatives like the Ohio Nursing Home Quality Navigator, Healthy Aging Grants, and more, Ohio is developing new pathways for older adults to receive better care and enjoy a higher quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio continues to build spaces for older adults to gather and is empowering older Ohioans to remain healthy and active contributors to their communities well past retirement age; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with this year's theme of "Powered by Connection," we understand the impact that social connections have on the health and well-being of older adults.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize May 2024 as

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

On this 1st day of May 2024.

Mike DeWine Governor

Jon Husted Lieutenant Governor