

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

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WHEREAS, more than 2.2 million Ohioans have a mental health condition; and

WHEREAS, 478,000 adult 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 2025 as

## MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

on this 1st day of May 2025.

Mike DeWine

Jim Tressel Lieutenant Governor