



In the Name and by the Authority of

THE STATE OF OHIO



WHEREAS, suicide is a preventable public health concern that affects individuals and families across Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline has answered more than 440,000 contacts since launching, connecting Ohioans to support quickly, often in less than 30 seconds; and

WHEREAS, our statewide efforts—led by RecoveryOhio, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, and the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation—are strengthening crisis response, expanding education, and reaching people where they are; and

WHEREAS, local suicide prevention coalitions have been formed in many counties, and initiatives are underway to raise awareness, eliminate stigma, promote suicide prevention, and increase help-seeking behavior; and

WHEREAS, September is recognized nationally as Suicide Prevention Month, offering an opportunity to come together in support of life-saving resources and compassionate connection; and

WHEREAS, all Ohioans are encouraged to become educated about suicide prevention; and

WHEREAS, all Ohioans can promote hope and connection, and support those who may be struggling;

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

SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

on this 1st day of September 2025.



Mike DeWine
Governor

Jim Tressel
Lieutenant Governor