



In the Name and by the Authority of

# THE STATE OF OHIO



**WHEREAS**, the number of grandparents and kinship caregivers who are raising their grandchildren and other relative children is becoming more common and in Ohio, many children are fortunate to be cared for by their grandparents or kinship caregivers when their parents are unable to care for them; and

**WHEREAS**, in Ohio, more than 227,000 children under the age of 18 live in homes where the caregivers are relatives other than their parents, and of these, more than 183,000 live with grandparents; and

**WHEREAS**, 86,502 children live in homes with grandparent householders where grandparents are responsible for them and 41,300 have cared for their grandchildren for five years or more; and

**WHEREAS**, we honor and recognize the grandparents and other kinship caregivers who raise children in kinship care and who ensure their safety and promote their well-being and a stable household for these young people to thrive; and

**WHEREAS**, we commend Ohio's supportive statewide network that is increasing awareness of resources available to grandparents and kinship caregivers; these include the state and county agencies serving these caregivers, the Ohio Grandparent Kinship Coalition, Ohio Kinship and Adoption Navigator Program, the Ohio Federation for Health Equity and Social Justice, the Public Children Services Association of Ohio, the Ohio Family Care Association, and other kinship navigator programs;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, We, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize September 2022 as

## GRANDPARENT / KINSHIP MONTH

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2022.

Mike DeWine  
Governor



Jon Husted  
Lieutenant Governor