



In the Name and by the Authority of

# THE STATE OF OHIO



**WHEREAS**, all children deserve a chance to thrive in life, and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services aims to promote economic stability and positive family outcomes through Ohio's child support program; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio's child support program serves over 643,000 children statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio promotes parental responsibility so that children receive support from both parents even when they live in separate households, and the state is committed to helping families access community resources and programs to overcome barriers to paying child support; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio recognizes the benefits of establishing legal paternity for children and established paternity for nearly 52,000 children last year; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio is dedicated to connecting families with family-centered local child support programs to establish paternity and set child support orders, and understands that emotional and financial support are key to children's physical and mental health; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio promotes Child Support Awareness Month by recognizing the dedicated parents, families, child support professionals, and partners that care about Ohio's children and are committed to their well-being; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize August 2024 as

## CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH

on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 2024;

Mike DeWine  
Governor



Jon Husted  
Lieutenant Governor