



In the Name and by the Authority of

THE STATE OF OHIO



WHEREAS, childhood is a formative time, and abuse and neglect have devastating long-term effects on young lives that transcend into adulthood; and

WHEREAS, last year there were over 18,293 confirmed reports of child abuse and/or neglect recorded in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, on average, there was a confirmed report of child abuse and/or neglect in Ohio every 29 minutes; and

WHEREAS, adverse childhood experiences such as child abuse and neglect can negatively affect one's mental and physical health for a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, these negative impacts may be substantially mitigated by having positive experiences such as a trusted adult supporter during one's childhood; and

WHEREAS, Ohio recognizes the heroes in parents, family members, educators, public officials and faith-based organizations, who share the responsibility to protect our youth and to ensure that children are safe and can grow up without fear of abuse and neglect to realize their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Ohio now calls on all Ohioans to "Be a Hero in the Eyes of a Child – one simple act of encouragement at a time;" and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Children's Trust Fund's Everyday Ohio Heroes awareness campaign encourages Ohioans to recognize others who are Everyday Ohio Heroes, who make positive differences in the lives of our children, creating positive childhoods and promising futures for children in our state; and

WHEREAS, Ohio is committed to raising children in a secure and loving environment where they can thrive, develop character, and learn to be responsible citizens with the help of all Ohioans; and

NOW, THEREFORE, we, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor, do hereby recognize April 2022 as

OHIO CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH

on this 1st day of April 2022.

Mike DeWine
Governor



Jon Husted
Lieutenant Governor