



In the Name and by the Authority of

THE STATE OF OHIO



WHEREAS, celebrated country music performer Dolly Parton is widely regarded not only for her achievements as a singer, songwriter, and instrumentalist, but also as an actress, author, businesswoman, humanitarian and philanthropist; and

WHEREAS, among her philanthropic ventures, in 1995, she launched Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to instill a love of reading among the children of Sevier County, Tennessee, where she grew up; and

WHEREAS, Dolly soon expanded the effort and began mailing one free, age-appropriate book to children every month from birth to age 5, through funding she provided and through local community partners throughout the United States, and later, branched out to Australia, Canada, Ireland, and the United Kingdom; and

WHEREAS, since its formation, the program has provided more than 184 million books to children; and

WHEREAS, the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Ohio, founded in 2019 with financial support from the Ohio General Assembly and affiliates across the state, is available in all 88 counties.

WHEREAS, today, more than 327,000 kids in Ohio receive their free book through the program each month; and

WHEREAS, through the years, Dolly has performed in various Ohio venues, including at the Ohio State Fair, and on November 5, 2022, she will be inducted into Cleveland's Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in recognition of her achievements in country, country pop, bluegrass, and gospel music;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, *Mike DeWine and Jon Husted*, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby declare August 9, 2022, to be honorary

DOLLY PARTON DAY

throughout Ohio, and we encourage all children five years of age and younger to sign up for their free monthly books at ohioimaginationlibrary.org.

On this 9th day of August 2022.

Mike DeWine
Governor



Jon Husted
Lieutenant Governor