



In the Name and by the Authority of

# THE STATE OF OHIO



**WHEREAS**, more than 31 million annual visitors to Ohio State Parks enjoy camping, hiking, swimming, boating, horse-back riding, nature viewing, and other outdoor activities, and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio State Parks are staffed by knowledgeable people who create and lead programming, present learning opportunities, and motivate participants to experience a healthy lifestyle; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio State Parks economically benefit the state of Ohio as well as the communities around them, bringing visitors to local restaurants and lodging establishments; and

**WHEREAS**, no admission is charged at Ohio State Parks, allowing everyone to enter regardless of financial status; and

**WHEREAS**, inclusive equipment and programming is provided at many parks, enabling all people to enjoy the park despite any physical limitations; and

**WHEREAS**, construction is under way for Ohio's 76<sup>th</sup> state park near Xenia; Great Council State Park will feature an interpretation center developed in partnership with the three federally recognized Shawnee tribes and the Ohio History Connection.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the state of Ohio, do hereby recognize April 22 – April 30, 2023 as

## OHIO STATE PARKS WEEK

on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2023.

Mike DeWine  
Governor



Jon Husted  
Lieutenant Governor