



In the Name and by the Authority of  
**THE STATE OF**  
**OHIO**



**WHEREAS**, each year, Americans lose billions of dollars to fraud, with older adults disproportionately affected; and

**WHEREAS**, according to estimates by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), Ohioans reported \$229 million in fraud losses in 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, nationwide, the FTC reported 2.6 million fraud reports with \$12.8 billion in total fraud losses in 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, on average, people age 20-29 reported losing money to fraud more often than people age 70-79; however, older adults had a higher median loss — between \$1000-\$1,650; and

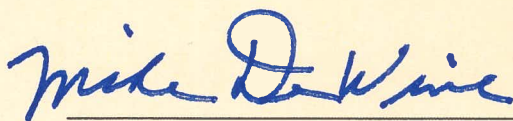
**WHEREAS**, prevention, education, strong consumer protections, and public awareness are critical in helping consumers recognize common scams and keeping them informed about emerging fraud trends; and

**WHEREAS**, Fraud Prevention Month is recognized to raise awareness of common scams and fraudulent practices, while encouraging citizens to support community and advocacy efforts that help prevent scams, protect consumers, and assist fraud victims;

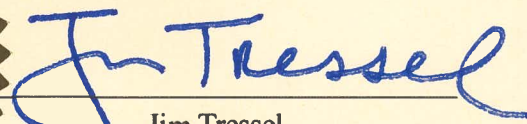
**NOW, THEREFORE**, We, *Mike DeWine and Jim Tressel*, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize April 2026 as

## FRAUD PREVENTION MONTH

on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 2026.



Mike DeWine  
Governor



Jim Tressel  
Lieutenant Governor