



WHEREAS, Thanksgiving is a day to count our blessings, commit to being generous with others, and usually fill our homes with family and friends in celebration; and

WHEREAS, this year, it is important to limit our gathering sizes, wear masks, and practice social distancing to slow the alarming surge of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations; and

WHEREAS, Ohioans are grateful for the recent news from pharmaceutical companies that an effective COVID-19 vaccination is coming soon; and

WHEREAS, Ohioans are strong and remain resolved to take the necessary steps to emerge from this crisis together; and,

WHEREAS, even as this season of giving looks different than it has in years past, Ohioans continue to show great kindness to one another, to care for their fellow citizens, and to give support to our brave heroes serving on the front lines of the pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, Ohioans hold a long, proud history of innovation, and that spirit of creativity gives us the determination to still connect with family and show love to others in new and safe ways; and,

WHEREAS, on Thanksgiving, we should pause and acknowledge those Ohioans who are currently suffering from COVID-19 and those who are grieving and have empty chairs at their table with more than 5,700 Ohioans having lost their lives to the virus; and

WHEREAS, Ohioans have long turned to prayer during difficult and trying times as a source of strength, comfort, and gratitude;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, *Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio*, do hereby recognize

THANKSGIVING DAY 2020 AS A DAY OF PRAYER, GRATITUDE, AND REMEMBRANCE

on this 26th day of November 2020.

Mike DeWine
Governor



Jon Husted
Lieutenant Governor