



In the Name and by the Authority of

# THE STATE OF OHIO



**WHEREAS**, malnutrition is the condition that occurs when the body is denied vitamins, minerals, and other nutrients it needs to maintain healthy tissue and organ function; and

**WHEREAS**, it can result in the loss of lean body mass, leading to health complications; and

**WHEREAS**, malnutrition is most common in vulnerable populations and among older adults; and

**WHEREAS**, it is detected in about 30% of hospitalized patients in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, malnourished patients have two times longer hospital stays compared with patients with adequate nutrition, and malnourished patients have two times higher the hospital costs compared with the average cost of all hospital stays; and

**WHEREAS**, malnutrition leads to more complications, falls, and hospital readmissions, and it negatively affects quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, screening, assessment, diagnosis, and intervention are ways to improve nutrition in the United States;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, We, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize September 16-20, 2024 as

## MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

Mike DeWine  
Governor



Jon Husted  
Lieutenant Governor