

WHEREAS, for millions of Ohioans, owning a home has come to symbolize the American Dream and homeownership has been affirmed as a fundamental objective of national policy; and

WHEREAS, although the cost of buying a home in Ohio has increased throughout the years and owning a home is often beyond the financial reach of many families, it is still ranked as the highest priority for most families; and

WHEREAS, homeownership strengthens families, stabilizes communities, encourages savings and investment, and improves our state's economy; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has carried forward the national policy goals in partnership with local governments, lenders, and nonprofit organizations to increase opportunities for families to become homeowners; and

WHEREAS, Ohioans work tirelessly and make sacrifices to achieve the dream of homeownership; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Housing Finance Agency has continued to administer and support programs that provide more homeownership opportunities to Ohioans; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Housing Finance Agency, the Ohio Department of Commerce, and the Ohio Department of Insurance have come together to educate Ohioans on the benefits of homeownership and the resources available to help them become homeowners;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize June 2024 as

HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH

on this 1st day of June 2024.

Mike DeWine Governor