



WHEREAS, the state of Ohio is nationally recognized for investments in its early care and education system and is committed to improving access and increasing the quality of early childhood education services, increasing home visiting services for at-risk, first-time mothers to give them the tools they need to promote child development and school readiness, providing a mental health professional in every Ohio school, and reforming the foster care system in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, quality education and services focused on race and rural equity are vital to building a strong and thriving Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Children's Initiatives Cabinet, the Ohio Early Childhood Advisory Council, the Department of Developmental Disabilities, the Department of Education, the Department of Health, the Department of Job and Family Services, the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Groundwork Ohio, the Ohio Alliance of YMCAs, the Ohio Association for the Education of Young Children, the Ohio Association of Child Care Providers, the Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association, the Ohio Head Start Association, and the Southwest Ohio Association for the Education of Young Children join together in recognizing and supporting the people and programs that are committed to providing high-quality, early childhood education and services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, We, *Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio*, do hereby recognize April 2019 as,

MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD

throughout Ohio, and we urge every Ohioan to promote education and school readiness.

On this 1st day of April 2019;

Mike DeWine
Governor



Jon Husted
Lieutenant Governor