



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



WHEREAS, Ohio law enforcement agencies reported 10,014 victims of sexual assault in 2021; and

WHEREAS, these crimes include, but are not limited to: rape; sexual battery; gross sexual imposition; and unlawful sexual conduct with a minor, which encompasses types of sexual assault that impact many Ohioans; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 5 women and 1 in 40 men are victims of rape or attempted rape during their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, of victims under the age of 18, 34 percent of victims of sexual assault and rape are under age 12, and 66 percent of victims of sexual assault and rape are age 12-17; and

WHEREAS, in 19 percent of the crimes, victims were sexually assaulted by a family member, while 7 percent were assaulted by current or former intimate partners; and

WHEREAS, in 42 percent of the incidents, the victim and suspect were not family members, but they knew each other; and

WHEREAS, 21 percent of women will be the victim of attempted or actual sexual assault when they get to college, as will about 7 percent of undergraduate men; and

WHEREAS, statistics for male survivors of sexual assault may be much higher as a result of underreporting; and

WHEREAS, the crime of sexual assault exacts an emotional, physical, psychological, and financial toll on victims, and leaves their families, friends, co-workers, and entire communities feeling less secure; and

WHEREAS, this month provides our state an opportunity to bring about awareness, intervention and prevention strategies that impact all sectors of our population regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, and sexual orientation when addressing the crime of sexual assault in our communities.

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

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

on this 1st day of April 2022.

Mike DeWine
Governor



Jon Husted
Lieutenant Governor