

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

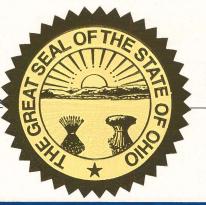
WHEREAS, screening, assessment, diagnosis, and intervention are ways to improve nutrition in the United States;

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 16th day of September 2024.

Mike DeWine Governor



on Husted