

Proclamation

by Governor Mike DeWine

WHEREAS, Before the Salk and Sabine Vaccine of the 1950's, the threat of Polio, the "Dread Disease", previously known as Infantile Paralysis, the pandemic of the day, was feared by every family, and,

WHEREAS, This "Dread Disease" spawned an equally fearful offspring, years after its initial attack, known as Post-Polio Syndrome or "The late Effects of Polio", to further debilitate many people who survived their initial bout of Polio, and,

WHEREAS, Polio is still a threat to people who have not been vaccinated, and Post-Polio Syndrome is still a threat to persons who have had Polio, and,

WHEREAS, There are an estimated 300,000 Paralytic Polio Survivors in the United States today, of whom as many as 75,000 or more experience the Late Effects of Polio, and,

WHEREAS, according to research, between 25% and 40% of Paralytic Polio survivors will fall victim to Post-Polio Syndrome, including all Polio Survivors residing in the State of Ohio, and,

WHEREAS, Conserving energy and limiting activities are the only defense against the fatigue, pain, muscle weakness, difficulty breathing, swallowing, depression, swelling of limbs, sensitivity to cold, joint and muscle pain, weight gain and atrophy brought about by "The Late Effects of Polio", and,

WHEREAS, The Ohio Polio Network, and the Post-Polio Support Groups around the State and surrounding area, are dedicated to meeting the needs of Polio Survivors, and

WHEREAS, September 1, 2023 will mark the 30th year since the Ohio Polio Network was established in 1993,

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Mike DeWine, Governor of the Great State of Ohio, due hereby proclaim the Month of September, in the year 2023 as

Polio Awareness Month

in Ohio and encourage all its citizens to be more aware of the often debilitating effects of Post-Polio Syndrome, following the initial attack of Polio.