WHEREAS, the earth sciences, especially geology, are integral to finding, developing, and conserving water, mineral, and energy resources essential to the welfare of Ohio and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, the earth sciences provide the framework understanding about geologic raw materials such as water, energy resources, and non-fuel minerals that are vital to the Ohio economy; and

WHEREAS, the earth sciences provide the basis for preparing for and mitigating the effects of natural hazards, such as floods, landslides, earthquakes, sinkholes, subsiding earth, and coastal erosion, that impact Ohio and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, the earth sciences are crucial to managing Ohio's environmental and ecological issues, including air and water quality, waste disposal, biological diversity, and land use; and

WHEREAS, studying the earth sciences plays a substantial role in Ohioans' understanding and respect for nature; and

WHEREAS, Earth Science Week provides an opportunity to seek greater understanding and appreciation of the value of earth science research and for science teachers at all levels throughout the State of Ohio to undertake earth science lessons and activities with their students; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Earth Science Week 2023 is "Geoscience Innovating for Earth and People" and emphasizes the ways that innovations in the geosciences are helping communities create healthier and increasingly sustainable lives, while accelerating environmental problem solving in Ohio and around the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize October 8–14, 2023, as

EARTH SCIENCE WEEK

on this 8th day of October 2023.

Mike DeWine
Governor

Jon Husted
Lieutenant Governor