



In the Name and by the Authority of

THE STATE OF OHIO



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 resources such as coal, oil and gas, 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 lessons and activities with their students directed toward the study of earth science; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Earth Science Week 2021 is "Water Today and for the Future" and is an occasion both to show young Ohioans the importance of learning how to understand, conserve, and protect water, Earth's most vital resource, and to engage them in exploring the role of water in energy, climate change, the environment, natural hazards, technology, industry, agriculture, recreation, and the economy in the 21st century;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, **Mike DeWine and Jon Husted**, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize October 10–16, 2021, as

EARTH SCIENCE WEEK

on this 10th day of October 2021.

Mike DeWine
Governor



Jon Husted
Lieutenant Governor