



In the Name and by the Authority of

THE STATE OF OHIO



WHEREAS, Ohio has long been a pioneer in the realm of school choice; from the first convening of the Governor's Commission on Educational Choice in 1991 with the message to Ohio's parents: you do have a choice in finding the best education for your children; and

WHEREAS, The *Cleveland Scholarship and Tutoring Program*, which began in 1995, was among the first in the nation to offer private school tuition vouchers to students in a struggling urban district, and this school year, more than 7,000 students attended private schools with state-funded scholarships through this program; and

WHEREAS, Ohio created a system of charter/community schools in 1997, giving parents statewide options for education without tuition. Today, charter schools serve approximately 120,000 students throughout the state; and

Whereas, in 2003, the *Ohio Autism Scholarship Program* was created, becoming the only voucher program in the United States to focus solely on the educational needs of children with autism; and

WHEREAS, the *Ohio EdChoice Scholarship* was created in 2005 to provide private school tuition vouchers to students in underperforming public schools anywhere in the state, and in 2013, the *Ohio EdChoice Expansion* was added; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, Governor DeWine signed legislation that expands access to the *Ohio EdChoice Scholarship Program*; and

WHEREAS, traditional public school choice has been around even longer than all of the above options, with open enrollment between public school districts beginning in 1989; and

WHEREAS, by observing National School Choice Week in Ohio, our citizens can truly recognize that Ohio is front and center in the important work of providing all children access to a high-quality education;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize January 22-January 28, 2023 as

NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK

On this 22nd day of January 2023.

Mike DeWine
Governor



Jon Husted
Lieutenant Governor