



In the Name and by the Authority of

THE STATE OF OHIO



WHEREAS, Ohio law prohibits the sale of tobacco products to persons under the age of 21; and

WHEREAS, *We Card Awareness Month* is a retail education and training effort to boost Ohio retailers' awareness of and participation in responsible retailing efforts to comply with federal, state and local laws and identify, prevent and deny tobacco and other age-restricted product sales to minors; and

WHEREAS, 2023 is the 28th anniversary year of the national non-profit organization, THE "WE CARD" PROGRAM INC. – providing training and education to the retail community to help retailers comply with age-restricted product laws and serve their communities as responsible retailers; and

WHEREAS, *We Card* in-store training and education materials, its online training program and its mystery shopping service "ID Check-Up" are available to all Ohio retailers through *We Card's* website; and

WHEREAS, *We Card* is endorsed by the Ohio Association of Convenience Stores, The Ohio Grocers' Association, the Associated Food and Petroleum Dealers and The Ohio Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association and Ohio will benefit from a responsible retailing community that successfully prevents tobacco and other age-restricted product sales to minors.

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

WE CARD AWARENESS MONTH

on this 1st day of September 2023.

Mike DeWine
Governor



Jon Husted
Lieutenant Governor