

In the Name and by the Authority of
THE STATE OF
OHIO



WHEREAS, unintentional overdose became the leading cause of injury death in Ohio in 2007, a trend that continues today; and

WHEREAS, combating prescription opioid abuse continues to be critical to Ohio's overall efforts to fight drug abuse; and

WHEREAS, over 100 million people suffer with chronic pain, and about 75% to 85% of all Americans will experience some form of back pain during their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, appropriate use of pharmacologic pain control remains necessary for some, prescriber education and resources to guide prescriptive policy continues to be critical to Ohio's overall efforts to fight drug abuse; and

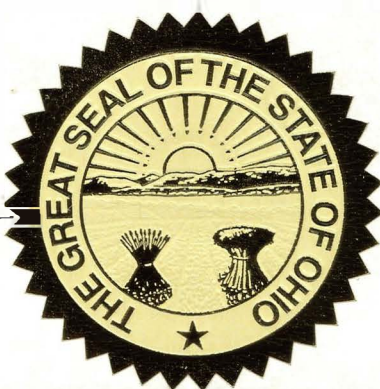
WHEREAS, doctors of chiropractic are educated and trained to effectively address spinal and neuromusculoskeletal pain without surgery or drugs.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, *Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio*, do hereby recognize September 2024 as

**DRUG-FREE PAIN MANAGEMENT
AWARENESS MONTH**

on this 1st day of September 2024.

Mike DeWine
Governor



Jon Husted
Lieutenant Governor