

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 for understanding the nature of 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 2025 is "Energy Resources for Our Future" and encourages us to become informed energy consumers and to actively work towards a sustainable future that ensures a high quality of life for generations to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, Mike DeWine and Jim Tressel, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize October 12–18, 2025, as

EARTH SCIENCE WEEK

on this 12th day of October 2025;

Mike DeWine Governor Jim Tressel Lieutenant Governor