



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



WHEREAS, first organized by Nationwide in 2014, Grain Bin Safety Week is an annual observance that takes place the third full week of February to promote grain bin safety on farms and commercial grain-handling facilities, provide education and share best safety practices; and

WHEREAS, it takes only seconds to be completely engulfed in flowing grain or overcome by oxygen-deficient atmospheres, and suffocation from engulfment is a leading cause of death in grain bin accidents; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, there were 61 documented cases, an increase of 13% over the 54 cases reported in 2017. Of these cases, there were 30 documented grain entrapment cases. 50% of the 30 victims entrapped in grain ended up being a fatality; and

WHEREAS, each death has devastating impacts on the victim's family, friends and coworkers; and

WHEREAS, many fire departments lack the specialized rescue techniques and equipment necessary for a successful grain bin rescue, and without the proper and consistent training, there is an increased risk of greater injury or fatality of the victim as well as the first responder; and

WHEREAS, Grain Bin Safety Week is supported by Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, KC Supply Co., Inc., CHS Inc., ABIS Inc., The Scoular Company, D Larson Financial and Insurance Services, Cornerstone Insurance Services, Lutz Agency, Inc., Corteva Agriscience, Grosskreutz Crop Insurance, Donnor-Farber & Associates, Sechler Insurance Group, Delaware Farm Bureau, Staples Associates, Schiff Farms, The Scoular Company, Gallagher, West Side Salvage, First Gabrielson Agency, Nationwide Financial, and the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, *Mike DeWine and Jon Husted*, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize February 16-22, 2020, as

GRAIN BIN SAFETY WEEK

on this 16th day of February 2020.

Mike DeWine
Governor



Jon Husted
Lieutenant Governor