



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Ohio Cancer Registrars Association (OCRA) is celebrating its 50th Anniversary, having been founded by a small, but committed, group of 10 cancer registry professionals in 1970; and

WHEREAS, OCRA members were instrumental in founding the National Cancer Registrars Association (NCRA), previously known as the National Tumor Registrars Association, in 1974; and

WHEREAS, OCRA member R. R. "Tim" Richardson served as NCRA's first president; and

WHEREAS, OCRA members continue to demonstrate national leadership by being elected to serve on the NCRA Executive Board, engagement with NCRA committees, development of publications and trainings, and participation in annual conferences; and

WHEREAS, OCRA provides leadership dedicated to the excellence in the management of cancer data through education, communication, and membership participation; and

WHEREAS, OCRA commemorates the contributions of Lucile K. Noble and R. R. "Tim" Richardson to the cancer registry field with the *Noble Richardson Scholarship*, which provides assistance to OCRA members each year to access educational opportunities to increase their knowledge and education in the cancer registry field; and

WHEREAS, OCRA has grown to include over 150 members across six regions of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, OCRA members include cancer registrars and others associated with the collection, analysis, and reporting of cancer data throughout the state of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, many OCRA members are affiliated with Commission on Cancer-approved hospitals dedicated to improving survival and quality of life for cancer patients; and

WHEREAS, OCRA members provide timely, complete, and accurate cancer incidence and treatment data to the Ohio Cancer Incidence Surveillance System (OCISS) at the Ohio Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, OCRA has established partnerships and collaborations with OCISS and the Ohio Partners for Cancer Control to set priorities for cancer surveillance, prevention and control in the state of Ohio.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize the Ohio Cancer Registrars Association and congratulate them on their numerous contributions to the cancer registry field and their role in helping to advance the health and well-being of Ohioans.

On this 11th day of September 2020;