**Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library**

**RESOLUTION TO HONOR FRAN DEWINE**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_moved with a second by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to adopt resolution #\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to recognize and commend Ohio First Lady Fran DeWine for distinguished contributions to promote early childhood literacy.

WHEREAS, Fran DeWine established the Ohio Governor’s Imagination Library in 2019—in partnership with Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library—in order to send a free book every month to Ohio children from birth to age five; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. DeWine partnered with Ohio’s public libraries and other community organizations to expand the Ohio Governor’s Imagination Library to all 88 counties in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. DeWine was instrumental in enrolling more than 309,000 children into the program, including 1,989 of children in Ross County; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. DeWine ensured all children between birth and age five, regardless of where they live in Ohio, are eligible to be enrolled in the Ohio Governor’s Imagination Library; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. DeWine continues to recognize the value of public libraries and the role they play in supporting early childhood education; and

FURTHER, that Mrs. DeWine shares our library’s goal of ensuring every child experiences the joy of reading and enters kindergarten prepared for success.

Therefore, be it resolved on this 9th day of February, 2022 that the Board of Trustees of Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library formally commends and gratefully acknowledges Ohio First Lady Fran DeWine for her lasting contributions to early childhood literacy in our community and across the state.

John Owens, President