



## **Chris Ronayne**

*The County Executive of Cuyahoga County, Ohio,  
takes profound pride in celebrating*

### **Invest in Children**

*on the occasion of their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

- WHEREAS, *Invest in Children***, created in 1999, has leveraged the private and public sector through an innovative model, that has built a connected tapestry of supports and services for children from prenatal stages through age five, and their families; and
- WHEREAS, *Invest in Children*** was formally integrated into the Cuyahoga County structure in 2004 through the creation of the County's Office of Early Childhood, which remains the only county-level office of its kind in the country; and
- WHEREAS, *Invest in Children*** is Cuyahoga County's recognized leader and champion for coordinating and delivering early childhood family support programs across service delivery sectors and providers; and
- WHEREAS, *Invest in Children*** has marshalled more than \$250 million in public funding, and an additional \$43 million in private funding, to achieve better health, education and social outcomes for young children and their families; and
- WHEREAS, *Invest in Children*** has won eight awards for excellence from organizations including the National Association of Counties and the National Network of Partnership Schools. Programs funded by *Invest in Children* support thousands of young children and their families each year with services along the continuum of needs from the prenatal period to kindergarten; and
- WHEREAS, *Invest in Children*** has launched a new four-year strategic plan to expand and hone its programs, reach, and influence in supporting families with young children and the community of providers that serve them. *Invest in Children* is a passionate advocate for the needs of families with young children and helps drive the development of important public policy changes to support them.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the County Executive of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, does hereby celebrate ***Invest in Children*** on their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for the leaders and team members who continue to serve the children and families of our county. Thank you for your service!



**Chris Ronayne**  
Cuyahoga County Executive

Duly adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2024