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IN RECOGNITION OF THE

# OHIO GRANDRALLY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND OTHER RELATIVES RAISING CHILDREN

*Sponsored By The Children's Defense Fund-Ohio, AARP, and  
The Ohio Grandparent Kinship Coalition*

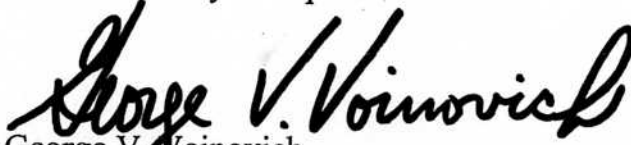
I am pleased to recognize all gathered here for the Ohio Grandrally for Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising Children.

Today, over 193,000 Ohio children are being raised by grandparents, relatives or other adults who are not related to the children under their care. These non-traditional families work hard to keep children with responsible caregivers in the hope that these children will form a connection to their family and their community.

As Mayor of Cleveland, Governor of Ohio and as a United States Senator, I have always been an advocate of adoption as an important method to safeguard Ohio's children by placing them with loving families. All of the recognition and support we can extend to these grandparents, relatives and adult caregivers will help them meet the challenges of parenthood in today's world and give these at-risk children a safe and loving home environment.

I applaud the efforts of the Children's Defense Fund-Ohio, AARP, and the Ohio Grandparent Kinship Coalition. Please accept my best wishes for an informative and memorable afternoon dedicated to this worthwhile cause.

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2005:



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