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**(YOUR TOWNSHIP NAME) Celebrates Ohio Township Day**

(Location), Ohio – On February 1, (Your Township) will be celebrating Ohio Township Day. House Bill 652, enacted in 1998, designated the first of February as Ohio Township Day and was the first year in which it was celebrated.

This day has been set aside to recognize the hard work and dedication of township trustees and fiscal officers who promote grassroots government. As the first form of government in Ohio, the 1,308 townships across the state serve nearly 35 percent of Ohio’s population. Road maintenance, fire protection, zoning and land use planning, and parks and recreation provide an example of only a few of a township’s responsibilities, which are governed by the Ohio Revised Code. (Insert any services or facts about your township here. *Ex: Smith Township serves a population of 2,548 and provides waste management, police protection and road maintenance for all residents.)*

(Insert Quote(s) from Trustees or Fiscal Officers Here)

Townships across the state will host their own events to educate citizens on the importance of grassroots governments. (Mention any Township Events you plan to host to celebrate the day here.)

More information on (Your Township) can be found at (Township Website) or (Phone Number).

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