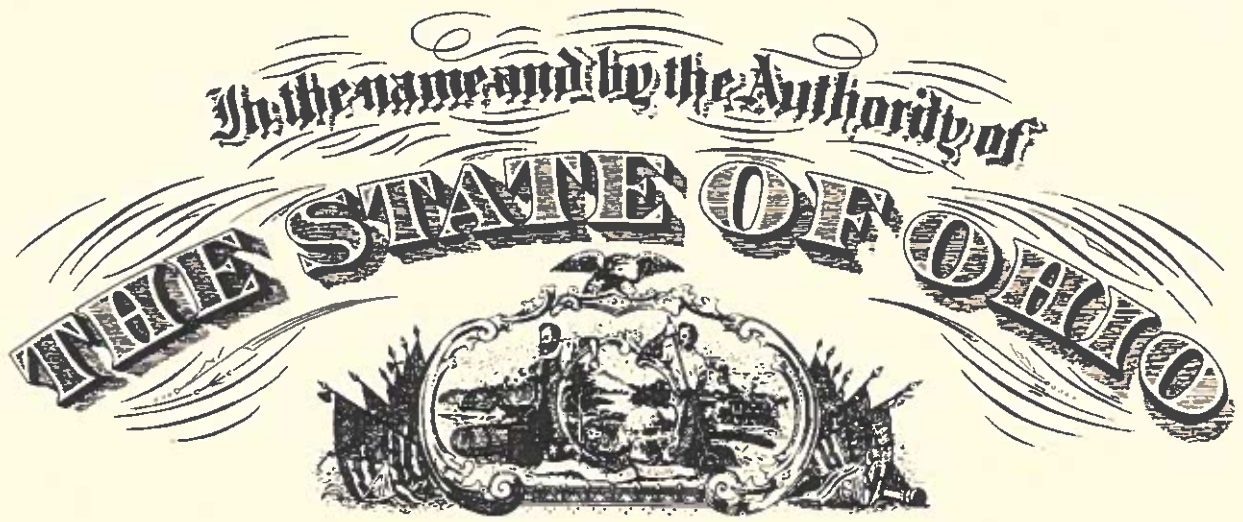




Mike DeWine

Governor of said State

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas, at the July term of the Court of Common Pleas held in and for the County of Cuyahoga, in the year Nineteen Eighty Seven, Gregory Lott (#A198-547) was convicted of the crimes of Aggravated Murder with specifications, Felony Murder with specifications, Aggravated Burglary with specifications, and Aggravated Robbery with specifications, and sentenced by said Court to death as to Aggravated Murder and Felony Murder and fifteen to twenty-five years on the remaining counts to run consecutively (Case No. CR 211002); and

Whereas, Gregory Lott received a Parole Board hearing in February 2020, prior to his execution scheduled May 27, 2021, and the Board by a vote of six to two (6-2) recommended that the death sentence of Gregory Lott be commuted; and

Whereas, the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court issued a decision on March 26, 2025, on the Motion for Relief from Judgement over mental capacity. The prosecution and defense agreed and stipulated that two experts found Gregory Lott intellectually disabled to a degree that would prohibit the imposition of the death penalty under current law. However, under the doctrine of res judicata, the issue of intellectual disability was found to be an issue that the court could no longer rule on. Further, the prosecution withdrew its opposition to Gregory Lott's application for executive clemency by letter dated December 2022; and

Whereas, the family members of the victim, who represented themselves as speaking for the entire family, are opposed to the implementation of the death penalty; and

Whereas, after consideration of all relevant factors, I, Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio, have concluded that a commutation of the sentence of Gregory Lott is warranted.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in the Governor by the Constitution and laws of this State, I do hereby direct that the said sentence of Gregory Lott shall be commuted to life in prison without the possibility of parole.



In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed, at Columbus, this **27** day of May, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.

Mike DeWine

Mike DeWine, Governor