

Executive Department

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, ostomy is a type of surgery which allows for drainage when a person has lost the normal functions of the digestive or urinary systems due to birth defects, disease, injury or other disorders; today, nearly 1 million Americans have an ostomy, with approximately 130,000 new ostomates joining their ranks this year; and

WHEREAS, ostomy was formerly known as “the most secret surgery” because people did not want to discuss bowel and urinary problems; today, largely through the efforts of the United Ostomy Associations of America and its 333 affiliated support groups, Americans needing this treatment are becoming more aware of the opportunities for education, mutual aid, and support that are of such great benefit to them and their families; and

WHEREAS, increased public understanding of ostomy will eventually help dispel the fear of those about to undergo this surgery as well as the fears that confront their families; and

WHEREAS, both the State government and the private sector are deeply committed to the proper care and advancement of knowledge about bowel and urinary diversions and public education about ostomy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize October 6, 2012 as

OSTOMY DAY

throughout Ohio and encourage all Ohioans to increase public acceptance of ostomy surgery, and to emphasize the need for continued educational efforts and mutual aid support.

On this 6th day of October, 2012;



John R. Kasich
Governor

