

Executive Department

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, infant mortality is defined as the death of a live-born baby before his or her first birthday; and

WHEREAS, infant mortality rate is calculated as the number of babies who die during the first year of life per 1,000 live births; and

WHEREAS, Ohio is committed to achieving fewer than 6.0 infant deaths per 1,000 live births in every racial and ethnic group which is the national Healthy People 2020 objective; and

WHEREAS, Ohio is vigorously pursuing numerous initiatives to fight the leading causes of infant mortality in Ohio – premature birth, birth defects, medical conditions, and external causes such as sleep-related deaths; and

WHEREAS, these initiatives include focusing resources where the need is greatest, such as in high-risk communities and populations; enhancing care management for women in high-risk neighborhoods; engaging leaders in high-risk neighborhoods to connect women to healthcare services; expanding evidence-based strategies to reduce infant mortality; and expanding access to peer support programs for expectant mothers.

WHEREAS, saving the lives of Ohio babies will take all of us working together at the state and community levels; and

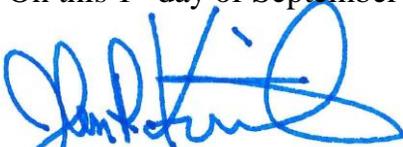
WHEREAS, raising public awareness about infant mortality is critical to these efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize September 2016 as

**INFANT MORTALITY
AWARENESS MONTH**

throughout Ohio and encourage all Ohioans to join us in its observance.

On this 1st day of September 2016;



John R. Kasich
Governor



Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor

