

STATE OF OHIO
Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (Alpha-1) is one of the most common serious hereditary disorders in the world and can result in life threatening lung disease in adults and liver disease in both children and adults; and

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 has been identified in virtually all populations, and up to six percent of Caucasians in the U.S. carry a single deficient gene and may pass the gene on to their children; and

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 has been widely under diagnosed and misdiagnosed, and fewer than ten percent of those predicted to have the disorder have been diagnosed. It often takes an average of five doctors and seven years from the time symptoms appear before a proper diagnosis is made, which can be done using a simple blood test; and

WHEREAS, it is important to increase awareness and detection of this serious, hereditary and misdiagnosed disorder; and

WHEREAS, during November, a nationwide awareness campaign will take place to educate the public as well as the medical community on Alpha-1 detection and treatment.

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

ALPHA-1 AWARENESS MONTH

and encourage all Ohioans to learn about this disorder and to raise awareness for better detection and treatment of this potentially life threatening condition.

On this 9th day of June 2016;



John R. Kasich
Governor



Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor

