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DR. MARY DIORIO NAMED STATE MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Appointment is Part of New Health Department Structure Aimed at Improving Ohioans' Health through Better Management, Focus on Medical Expertise

COLUMBUS – Today Gov. John R. Kasich announced that Dr. Mary DiOrio has been named Medical Director at the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). DiOrio will serve with Director Richard Hodges in the Department's new management structure to oversee medical issues as Hodges applies his management and public health experience to lead the overall management of the agency.

As medical director, DiOrio will be ODH's lead scientist and oversee medical issues with the goal of developing and implementing public health policies that improve Ohioans' health, help prevent the spread of infectious disease in Ohio, and respond to public health crises.

DiOrio is a 13-year veteran of ODH and most recently served as state epidemiologist, where she helped oversee the state's response to the Ebola incident in Northeast Ohio. She is board certified in preventative medicine and has multiple Incident Command System certifications in the Federal Emergency Management Agency National Incident Management System. She is author and editor of numerous manuals, publications and educational materials on topics such as infectious disease control, immunizations and general health advice. She was part of the Ohio *Bordetella holmseii* Investigation Team that, in 2012, received a CDC Commendation for Outstanding Performance in Investigating and Identifying a New Illness.

DiOrio is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and received her Doctor of Medicine and Master's of Public Health from The Ohio State University. She replaces Dr. Mary Applegate who was serving as interim medical director since August and will return to her permanent duties as the medical director at the Department of Medicaid.

The Ohio Department of Health partners with 124 local health districts to ensure access to health services, protect health and safety through regulation of health care delivery systems, coordinate the response to public health emergencies, and prevent disease and promote better health. Health provides leadership through the Governor's Office of Health Transformation to incorporate population health priorities into all of Ohio's health

care regulatory and payment systems, with a goal of increasing the number of Ohioans who are healthy at every stage of life.

