

Executive Department

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, rural communities are the heart and soul of Ohio and the United States, and these communities are fueled by the creative energy of their leaders – ordinary people willing to step forward, share and implement a vision, and drive change that benefits everyone; and

WHEREAS, they are communities where people know each other, listen to and respect each other, and work together for the greater good; and

WHEREAS, rural hospitals are often the economic foundation of these communities in addition to being their primary providers of care; and

WHEREAS, providing ambulatory and emergency medical services in these communities is especially critical, given that nearly 20 percent of the nation's population lives – but nearly 60 percent of all trauma deaths occur – in rural America; and

WHEREAS, meeting the unique healthcare needs of these communities is constantly evolving, as rural communities face accessibility issues, a lack of healthcare providers, an aging population suffering from a greater number of chronic conditions, and larger percentages of un- and underinsured citizens; and

WHEREAS, since each community is unique, meeting their healthcare needs cannot be addressed through a “one size fits all” approach; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio State Office of Rural Health and the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health play a distinct and critical role by leading efforts to help rural communities address their unique healthcare needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize November 15, 2012 as

RURAL HEALTH DAY

throughout Ohio and I encourage citizens of Ohio to use Ohio Rural Health Day to recognize the unique contributions and selfless, “can do” attitudes of our rural communities.

On this 15th day of November, 2012;



John R. Kasich
Governor

