

STATE OF OHIO
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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, 600,000 to 1,000,000 persons in the United States are projected to have Lynch syndrome, however, less than 10% are currently diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, Lynch syndrome creates a hereditary predisposition to a litany of cancers at a high lifetime risk and often at an early age—the risk includes up to 82% for colorectal cancer and a 65% risk of endometrial cancer; and

WHEREAS, on average, over 4,277 citizens of Ohio are annually diagnosed with colorectal cancer, of which 1,497 (35%) cancers are projected to be the result of familial or hereditary conditions, including Lynch syndrome; and

WHEREAS, annually in Ohio, approximately 1,173 women are projected to be diagnosed with endometrial cancer—three to five percent of these cancers are projected to be the result of Lynch syndrome; and

WHEREAS, individuals diagnosed with Lynch syndrome face a high risk of other cancers including ovarian cancer, gastric tract cancers, hepatobiliary cancers, renal pelvic cancers, bladder cancers, pancreatic cancer, prostate cancer, skin cancer, brain cancer and, in some subsets, breast cancer—many of these cancers are often preventable with annual cancer screenings; and

WHEREAS, assessment of family medical history of cancers and universal testing of colorectal and uterine tumors for characteristics of Lynch syndrome may prompt genetic testing; and

WHEREAS, a positive genetic test will determine if these cancers are hereditary or familial, qualify affected individuals for regular cancer screening tests and growths, polyps and tumors may be detected early and treated or removed before becoming life threatening; and

WHEREAS, many families in Ohio will be protected and lives saved as a result of a diagnosis of Lynch syndrome and/or other hereditary and familial cancers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize March 22, 2013 as

**LYNCH SYNDROME HEREDITARY
CANCER PUBLIC AWARENESS DAY**

throughout Ohio and encourage all citizens of Ohio to learn their family histories of cancer and discuss it with their physicians in order to protect families and save lives from hereditary cancers.

On this 22nd day of March, 2013;



John R. Kasich
Governor

