

STATE OF OHIO
Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, PANDAS (Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections) is the sudden onset of OCD often displayed as severe anxiety and emotional disturbances plus 2 or more of the following symptoms: tics or other abnormal movements; severe separation anxiety, generalized anxiety; irritability, emotional lability, aggression, personality changes; ADHD, inability to concentrate; sensory sensitivities; deterioration in learning abilities and school performance; developmental and age regression; sleep and night time difficulties; and/or urinary frequency or daytime/night-time secondary enuresis. The onset of symptoms are corresponding to an infection, usually strep; and

WHEREAS, PITAND (Pediatric Infection-Triggered Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders) is similar to PANDAS in terms of presentation, however, it consists of a broader list of possible triggers, not only strep. Triggers may include Mycoplasma Pneumonia, Mono, Lyme, viruses, and more; and

WHEREAS, PANS (Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndromes) is the broadest of the three related disorders as it includes not only presentations associated with a preceding infection, but also acute-onset non-infectious triggers, such as environmental and metabolic; and

WHEREAS, PANDAS/PITAND/PANS remains often misdiagnosed, undiagnosed, and undertreated due to the lack of the awareness of these disorders both by the public and even the medical community; and

WHEREAS, the true prevalence of PANDAS/PITAND/PANS is yet to be known. A conservative estimate is 162,000 in the US alone. PANDAS/PITAND/PANS is likely as common as illnesses like Pediatric Cancer, Pediatric Diabetes, and ALS and can seriously affect the healthy outcome of a child's life, yet funding and awareness for PANDAS/PITAND/PANS is scarce; and

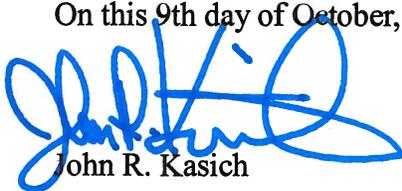
WHEREAS, PANDAS Network .org, a 501c3 non-profit organization founded in 2009, is dedicated to improving the diagnosis and treatment of children with PANDAS/PITAND/PANS by providing an ongoing database of cases and parent referrals to support groups and physicians; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this serious health issue, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, state and national levels.

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

PANDAS/PITAND/PANS AWARENESS DAY

On this 9th day of October, 2013;


John R. Kasich
Governor

