

STATE OF OHIO
Executive Department

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the citizens of Ohio value their health and that of their families and fellow Ohioans and support initiatives that raise awareness of serious public health issues such as the various digestive diseases such as Gastroparesis which, collectively, rank first among illnesses for total economic burden; and

WHEREAS, this family of digestive motility diseases/disorders is caused by a poorly understood neuromuscular dysfunction of the stomach that may produce, in any region of the digestive tract, chronic motor and sensory disturbances characterized by weakened, spastic or failed propulsions of food through the digestive system; and

WHEREAS, 20-30 percent of the general North American population experiences bothersome upper and lower digestive tract motility disturbances on a chronic basis; and

WHEREAS, Gastroparesis is a disorder where the stomach is slow to empty its contents and represents the most severe degree of such disturbances and, with few medical treatment options available, this digestive disease can disable individuals in the prime of their lives; and

WHEREAS, Gastroparesis patients must see their physician more frequently, visit hospital emergency rooms more often, and have higher rates of hospital admissions for treatment of symptoms particularly nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain; and

WHEREAS, unlike many diseases, there are no early warning signs, testing is not usually performed until significant symptoms have developed and there are no drugs that effectively treat symptoms associated with Gastroparesis; and

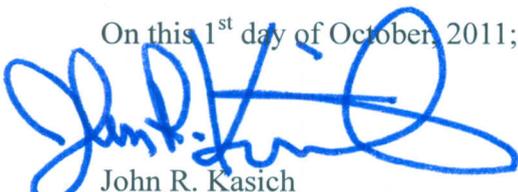
WHEREAS, while sufferers are significantly impacted by chronic symptoms of Gastroparesis, the lack of awareness and understanding is the largest problem facing patients today. The Gastroparesis Awareness Campaign is here to educate the healthcare community and general public regarding the serious nature of Gastroparesis.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby designate October, 2011 as

GASTROPARESIS AWARENESS MONTH

throughout Ohio and urge all Ohioans to learn more and participate in Gastroparesis awareness programs.

On this 1st day of October, 2011;


John R. Kasich
Governor

