

STATE OF OHIO
Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Multiple System Atrophy (MSA) is a neurodegenerative disorder that affects many of the autonomic body systems that people take for granted; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms can occur in any combination, from loss of balance and coordination, fainting and dizziness due to severely low blood pressure, bladder and bowel issues, speech and swallowing difficulties, sleep disturbances, breathing problems and rigidity and tremors similar to Parkinson's disease; and

WHEREAS, MSA is not considered to be hereditary and generally affects middle-aged men and women, advancing rapidly, with progressive loss of motor skills, eventual confinement to bed and death; and

WHEREAS, there is no remission from the disease and currently no cure and the lack of awareness of MSA leads to misdiagnosis and mistreatment, as well as misdirected research funding that could be better applied to the MSA effort; and

WHEREAS, approximately 50,000 Americans are now reported to have MSA and a recent epidemiological survey reported that MSA has a prevalence rate of 4.4 people per 100,000; and


WHEREAS, this disease wreaks havoc not only on patients but also on family members, caregivers and friends, who watch their once vibrant loved one gradually lose all those abilities once taken for granted.

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

**MULTIPLE SYSTEM
ATROPHY AWARENESS
MONTH**

throughout Ohio and encourage all Ohioans to educate themselves about Multiple System Atrophy.

On this 24th day of March, 2011;


John R. Kasich
Governor

