

Executive Department

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, primary immunodeficiency diseases are disorders in which part of the body's immune system is missing or does not function properly; and

WHEREAS, these disorders are caused by intrinsic or genetic defects in the immune system, many of which require chronic replacement therapy consisting of immune globulin administration, gamma interferon, antibiotic therapy, bone marrow/stem cell transplantation, or gene therapy to protect individuals from frequent life-threatening infections and debilitating illnesses; and

WHEREAS, there is a 12.4-year delay from the onset of symptoms to diagnosis resulting in permanent functional impairments; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization recognizes more than 200 primary immunodeficiency diseases; and

WHEREAS, little is known about primary immunodeficiency diseases that may affect as many as 250,000 people and more needs to be done to educate the public and the medical community; and

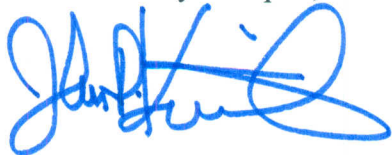
WHEREAS, those who suffer from primary immunodeficiency diseases and their families can rely on the Immune Deficiency Foundation to provide advocacy, education and research to improve the diagnosis and treatment of primary immunodeficiency disease.

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

**PRIMARY IMMUNODEFECIENCY
AWARENESS MONTH**

throughout Ohio and encourage all Ohioans to educate themselves about primary immune deficiency diseases.

On this 1st day of April, 2011;



John R. Kasich
Governor

