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**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, rare diseases and disorders are those which affect small patient populations, typically populations smaller than 200,000 individuals nationwide; and

**WHEREAS**, many rare diseases are serious, life-threatening, and lack an effective treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, rare diseases and conditions include epidermolysis bullosa, progeria, sickle cell anemia, Tay-Sachs, cystic fibrosis, many childhood cancers, and fibrodysplasia ossificans progressiva; and

**WHEREAS**, people with rare diseases experience challenges that include difficulty in obtaining an accurate diagnosis, limited treatment options, and difficulty finding physicians or treatment centers with expertise in their disease; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Organization for Rare Disorders, an organization established in 1983 to provide services to, and advocate on behalf of, patients with rare diseases, remains a critical public voice for people with rare diseases; and

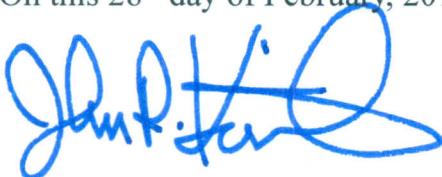
**WHEREAS**, the National Organization for Rare Disorders joins with Ohioans affected by rare diseases to increase public awareness of rare diseases.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN R. KASICH, Governor of the State of Ohio**, do hereby designate February 28, 2011 as

**RARE DISEASE DAY**

throughout Ohio and ask that all Ohioans recognize the importance of improving awareness and encouraging accurate and early diagnosis of rare diseases and disorders.

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2011;



John R. Kasich  
Governor

