

Executive Department

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, first organized by Nationwide in 2014, Grain Bin Safety Week is an annual observance that takes place the third full week of February to promote grain bin safety on farms and commercial grain-handling facilities, provide education and share best safety practices; and

WHEREAS, it takes only seconds to be completely engulfed in flowing grain or overcome by oxygen-deficient atmospheres, and suffocation from engulfment is a leading cause of death in grain bin accidents; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, 24 documented grain entrapments nationwide resulted in 14 deaths and in 2014, 38 documented grain entrapments resulted in 17 deaths in 2014 – the highest recorded since 2010; and

WHEREAS, each death has devastating impacts on the victim's family, friends and coworkers; and

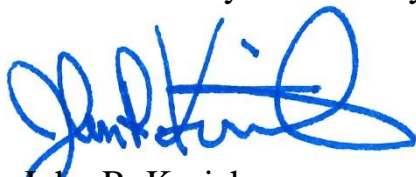
WHEREAS, many fire departments lack the specialized rescue techniques and equipment necessary for a successful grain bin rescue, and without the proper and consistent training, there is an increased risk of greater injury or fatality of the victim as well as the first responder.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize February 19 – 25, 2017 as

GRAIN BIN SAFETY WEEK

and encourage all Ohioans, especially those in the agriculture industry, to learn more about the risks associated with grain bins to help reduce the number of preventable injuries and deaths associated with grain handling and storage.

On this 3rd day of February 2017;



John R. Kasich
Governor



Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor